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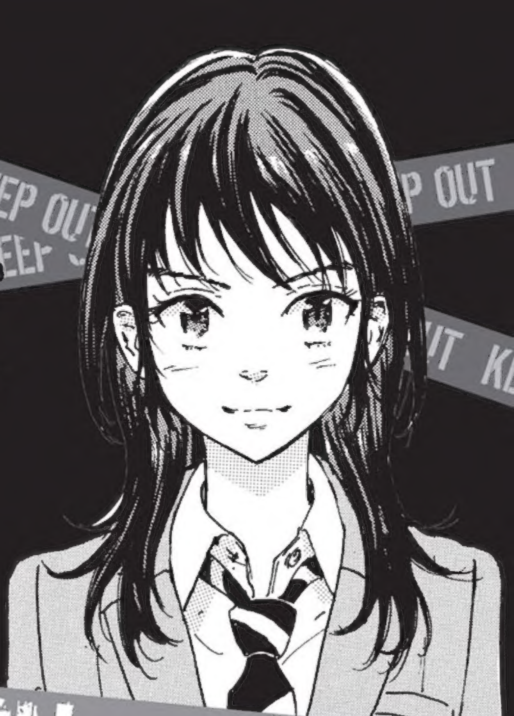
COPPELION MEDICAL UNIT

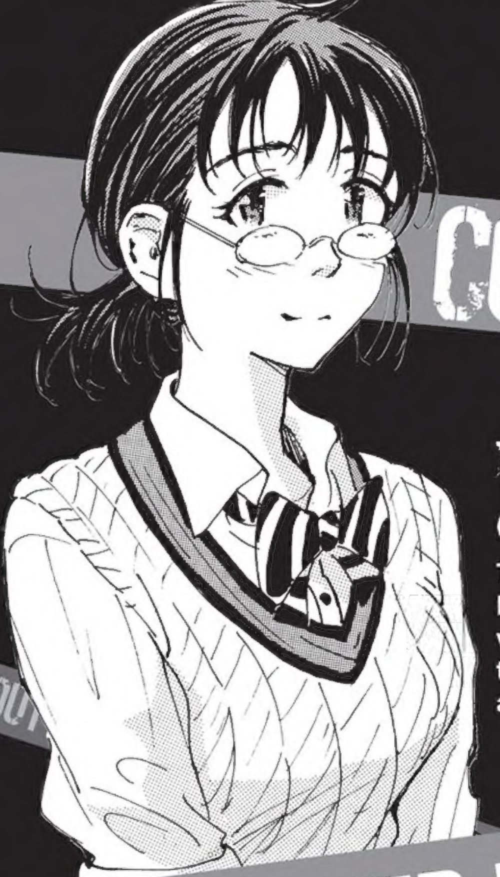
CHARACTER PROFILES

IBARA NARUSE

(HIGH SCHOOL THIRD-YEAR)

Leader of the Coppelion Medical Unit. She possesses staggering athletic ability, and her combat skills are excellent. Relying on her strong conviction to save everyone in Tokyo to give her strength, she leads the search for survivors. Her speech can be a bit rough.

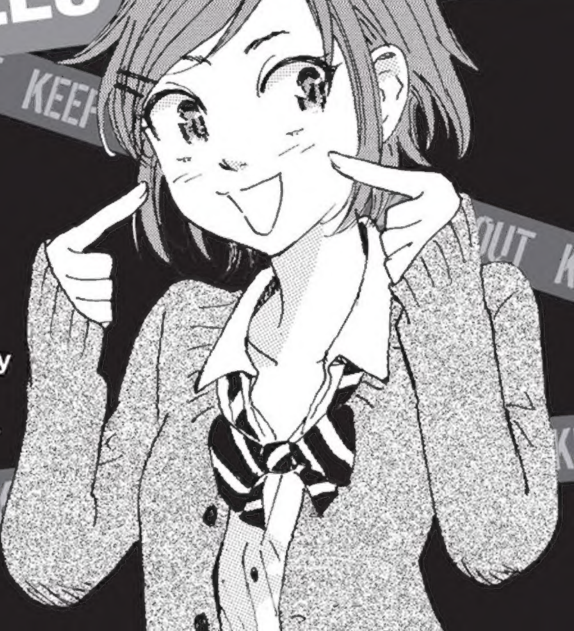




TAEKO NOMURA

(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

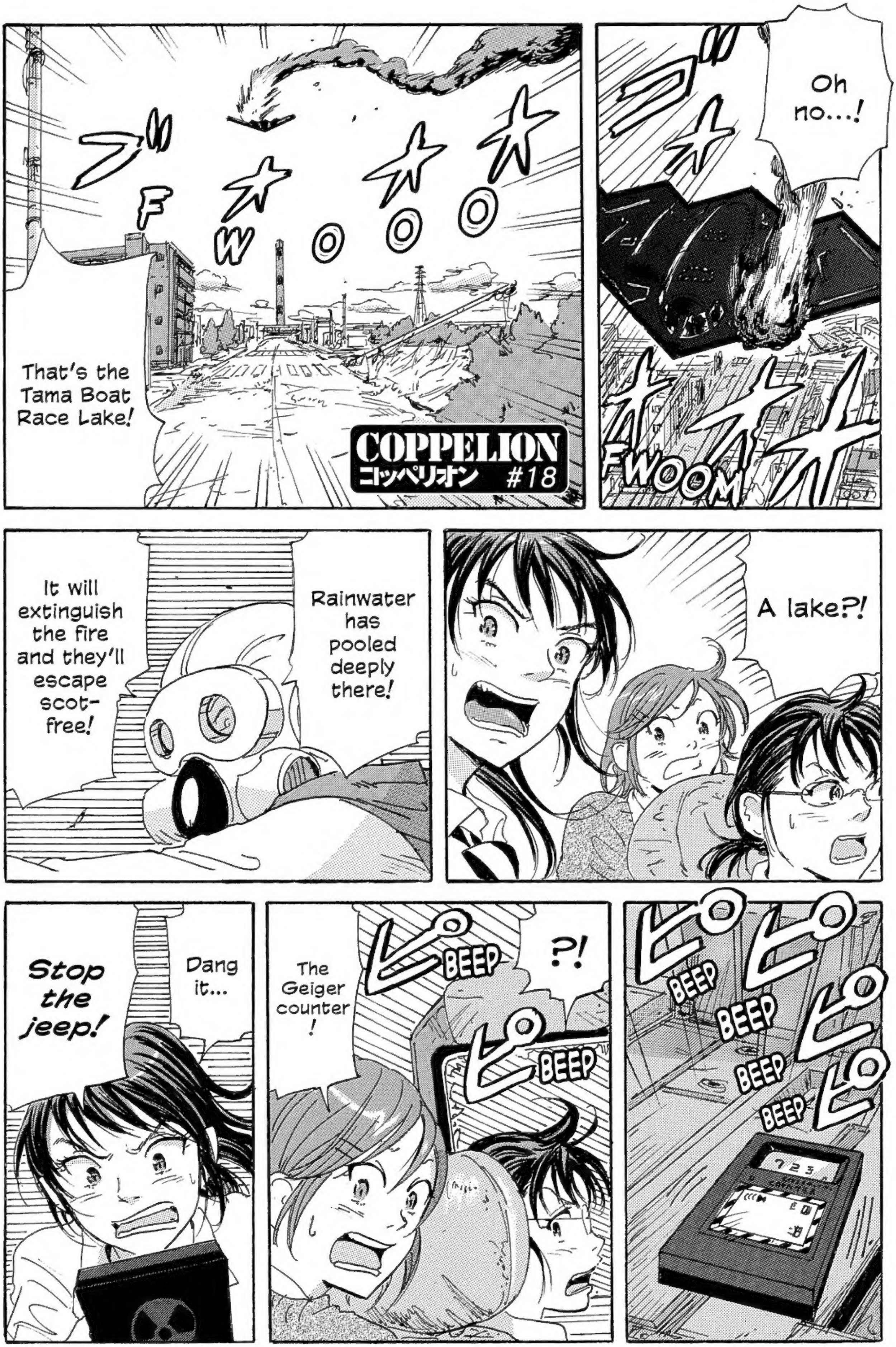
The Medical Unit's comforting member. She's quite knowledgeable and has superhuman senses (she wears glasses to reduce her eyesight to 10% of its true strength because she sees too far). She loves animals. She's soft-spoken and polite.

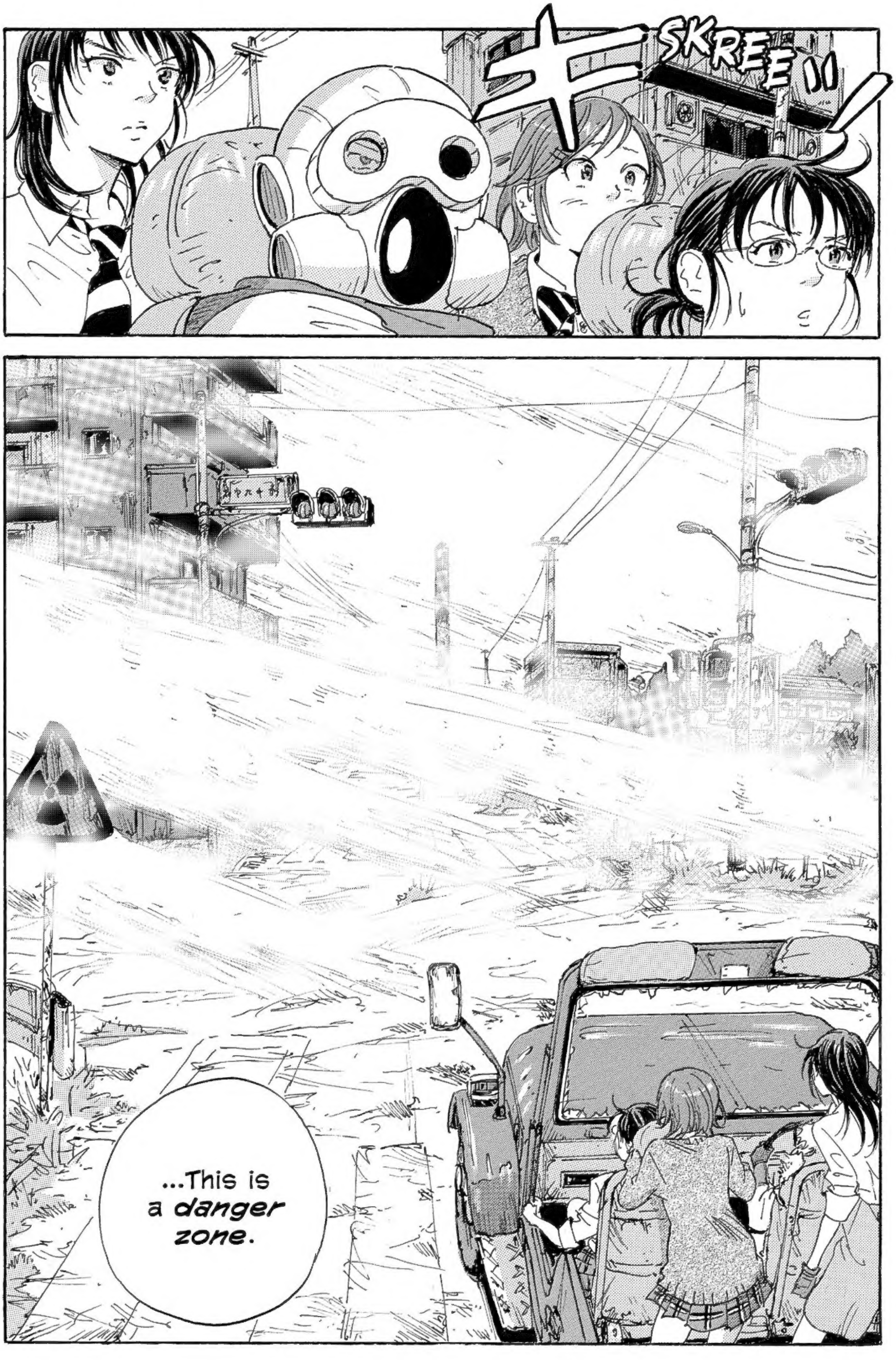


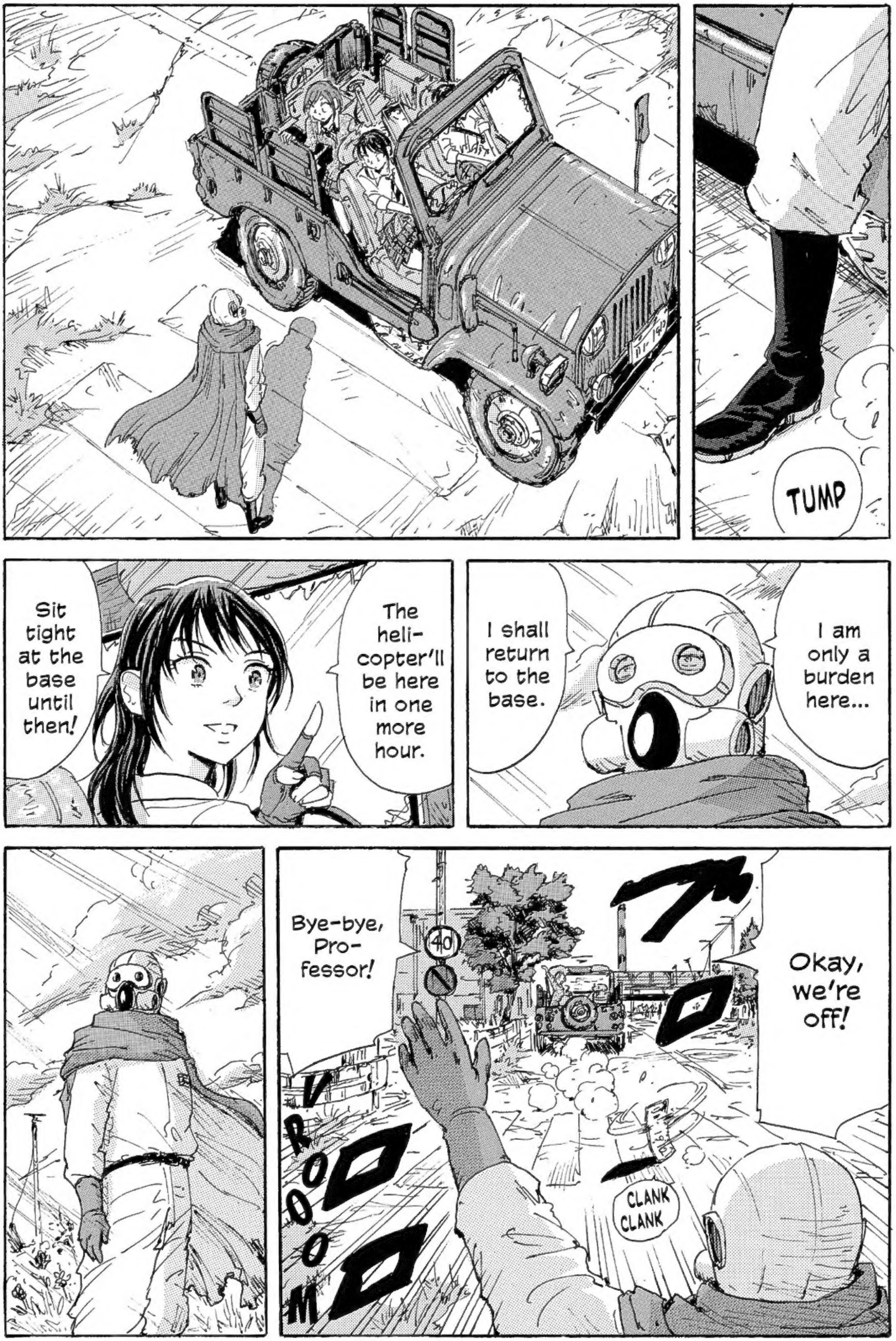
AOI FUKASAKU

(HIGH SCHOOL FIRST-YEAR)

The Medical Unit's cheerful icebreaker. Aoi has a bottomless stomach, and although she constantly complains, her bright personality lifts the others up despite the disheartening conditions in Tokyo. She thinks herself an unrivaled beauty.


Oh no...!
ブォオオオ
FWOOM
ブォオオオ
FWOOO
That's the Tama Boat Race Lake!
COPPELION
コッペリオン #18
A lake?!
Rainwater has pooled deeply there!
It will extinguish the fire and they'll escape scot-free!
ピ BEEP ピ BEEP ピ BEEP ピ BEEP
?!
ピ BEEP
ピ BEEP
The Geiger counter!
Dang it...
Stop the jeep!


キー
SKREE!!
...This is a danger zone.


TUMP
I am only a burden here...
I shall return to the base.
The helicopter'll be here in one more hour.
Sit tight at the base until then!
Okay, we're off!
Bye-bye, Professor!
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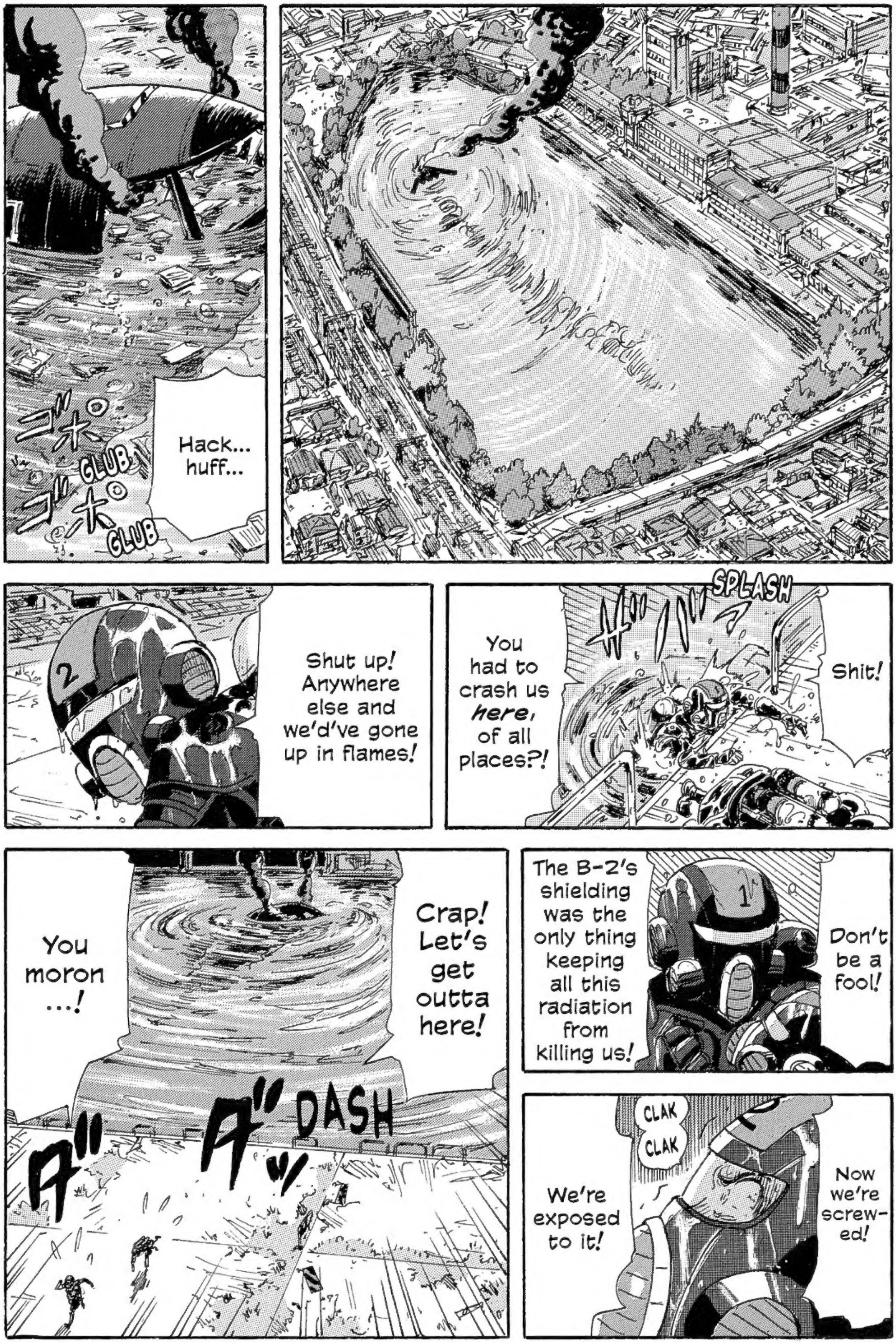
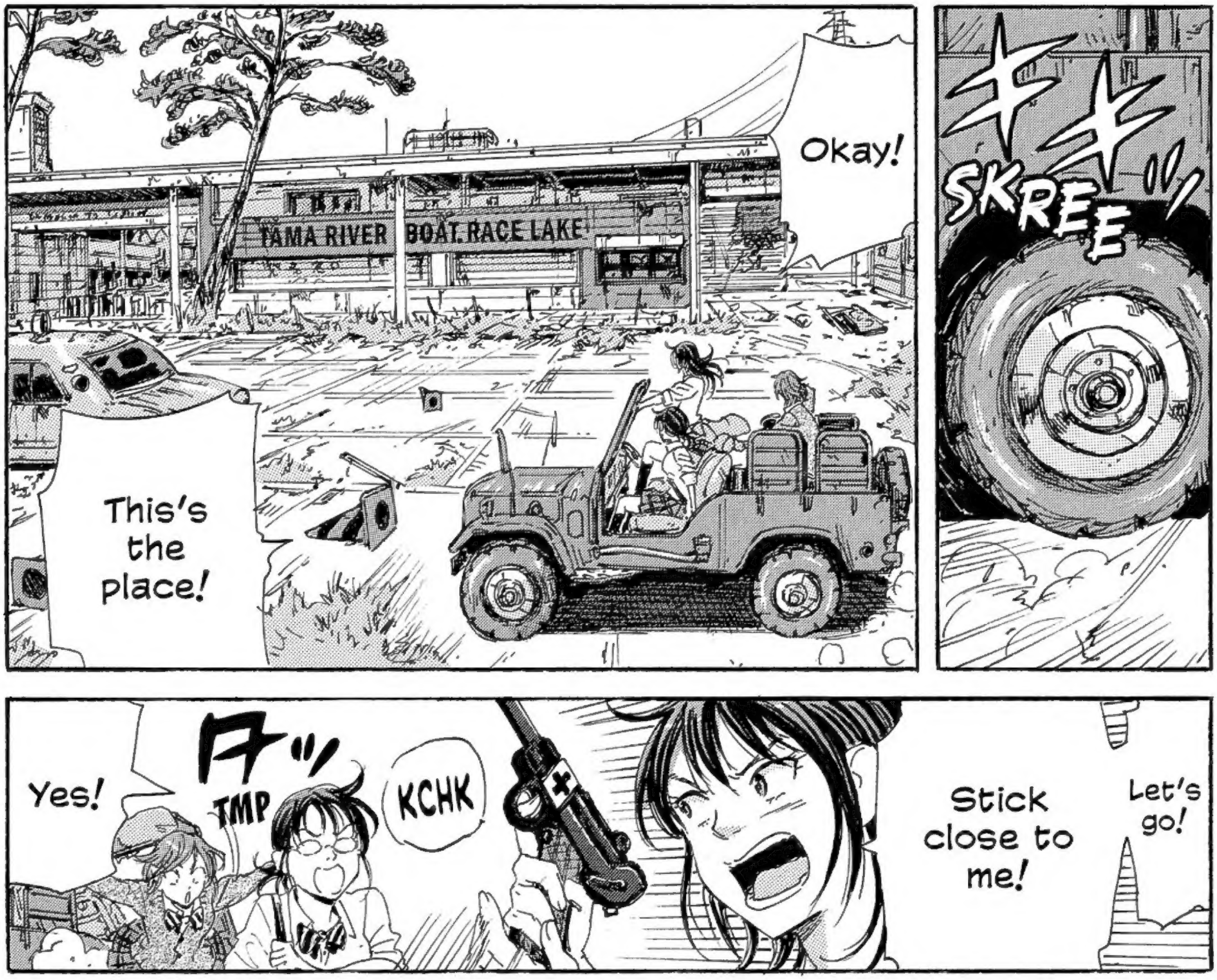
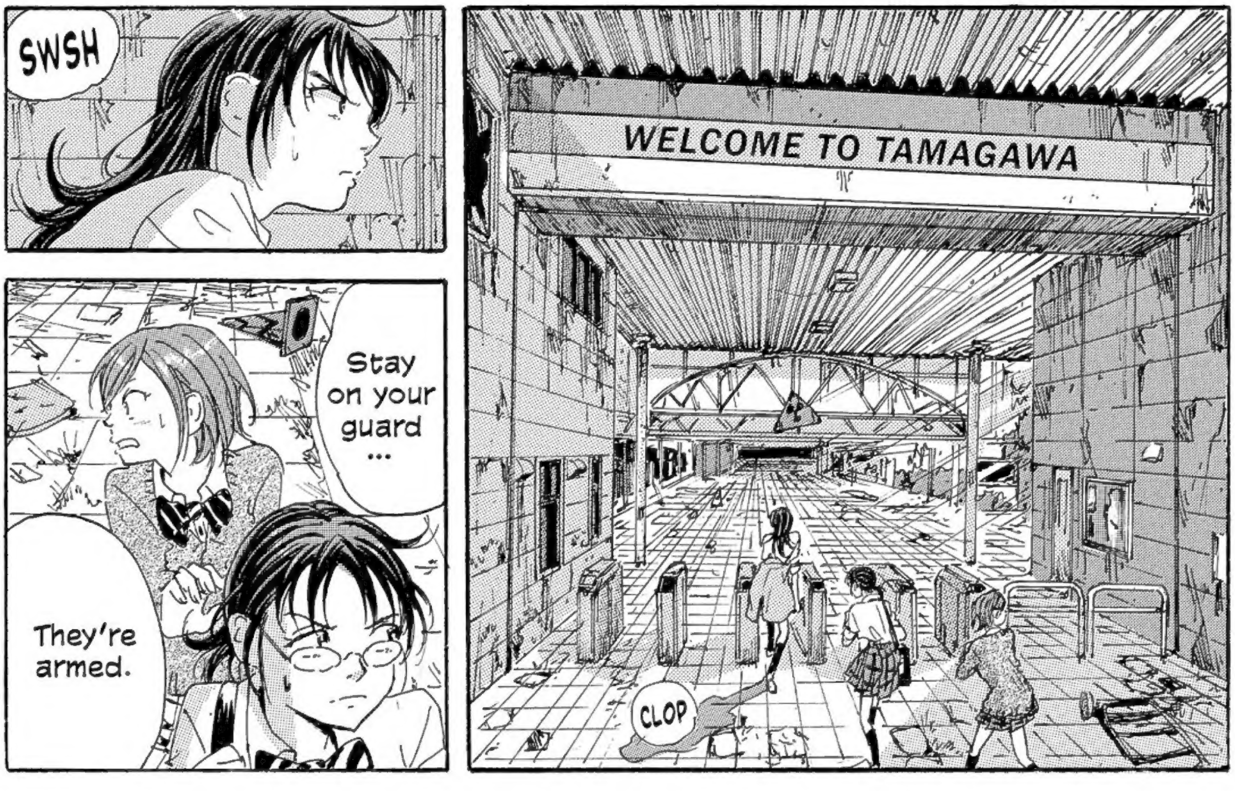
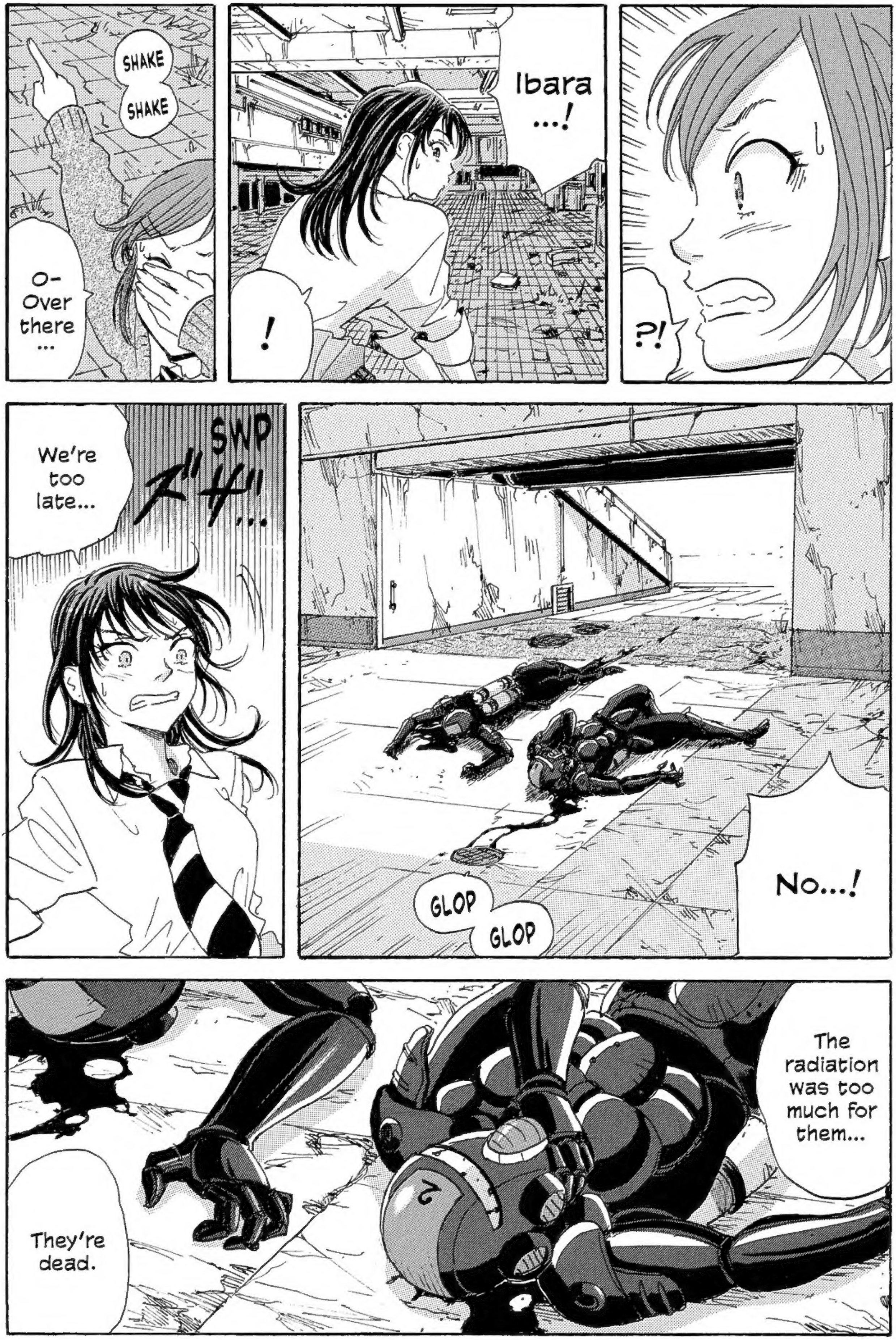
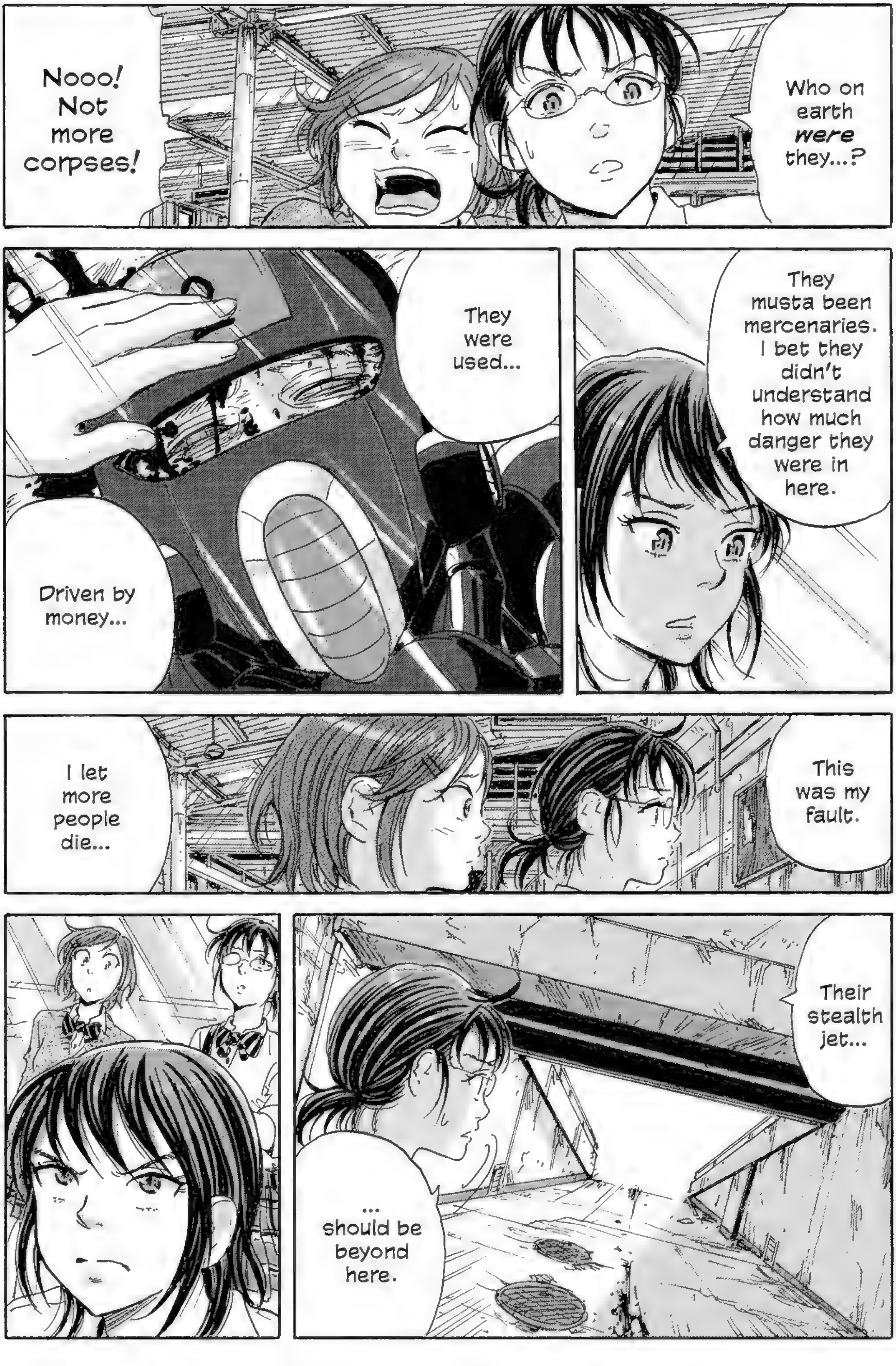
VROOOOM
CLANK CLANK

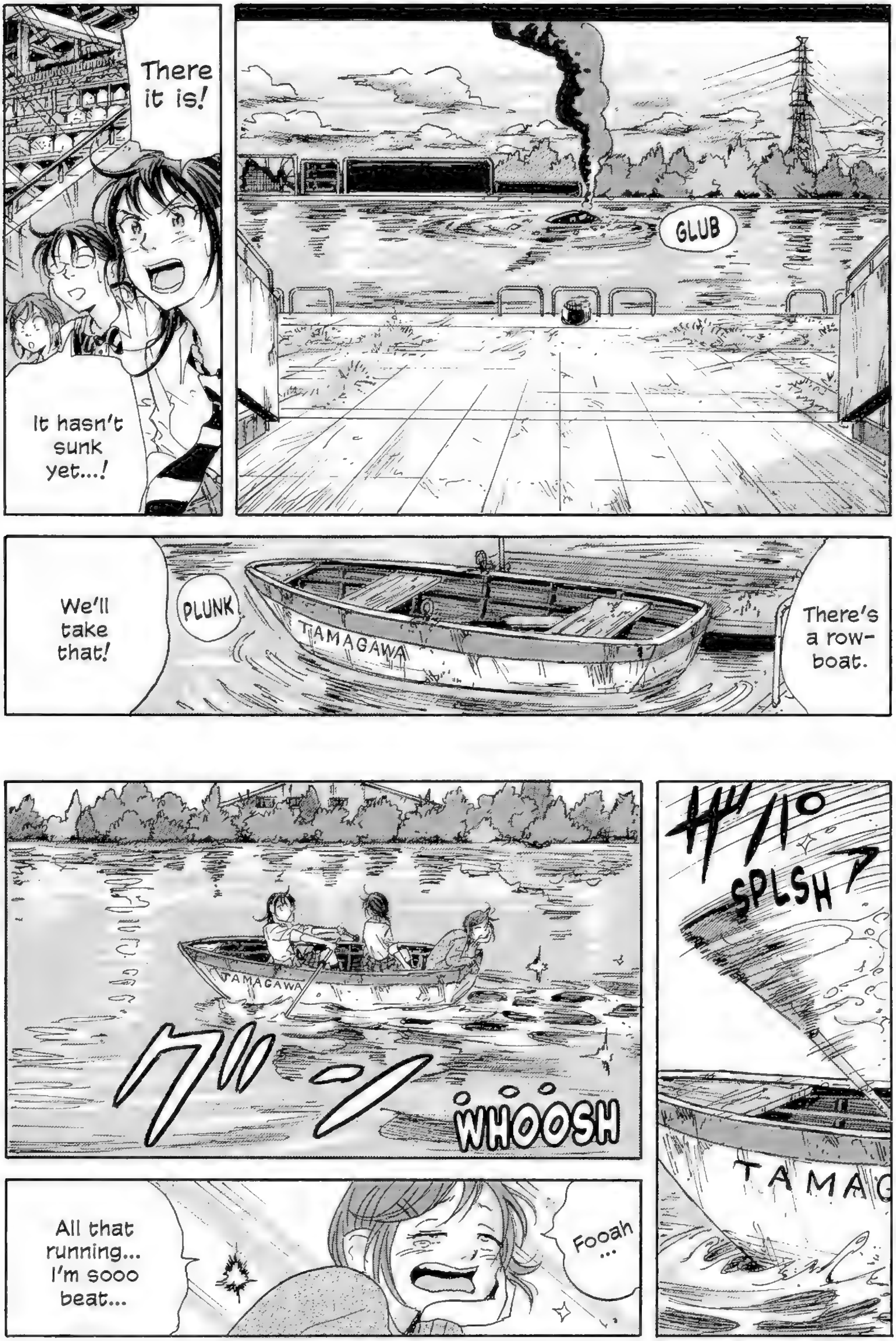

ゴボ
GLUB
ゴボ
GLUB
Hack... huff...
ザババ
SPLASH
Shit!
You had to crash us *here*, of all places?!
Shut up! Anywhere else and we'd've gone up in flames!
Don't be a fool!
The B-2's shielding was the only thing keeping all this radiation from killing us!
CLAK
CLAK
Now we're screw-ed!
We're exposed to it!
Crap! Let's get outta here!
You moron ...!
ダダッ
DASH

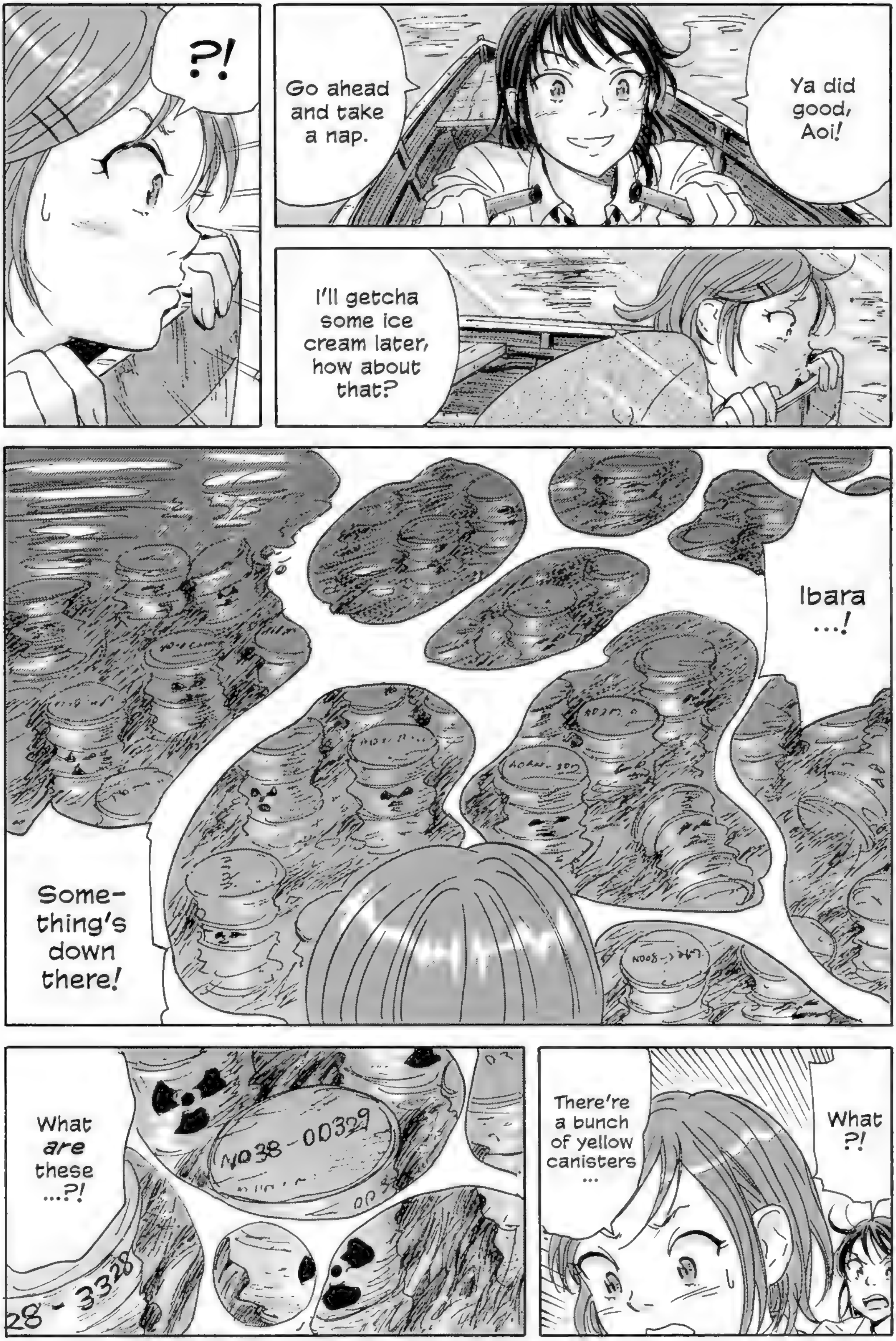

キキッ
SKREE
TAMA RIVER BOAT RACE LAKE
Okay!
This's the place!
Let's go!
Stick close to me!
KCHK
タッ
TMP
Yes!

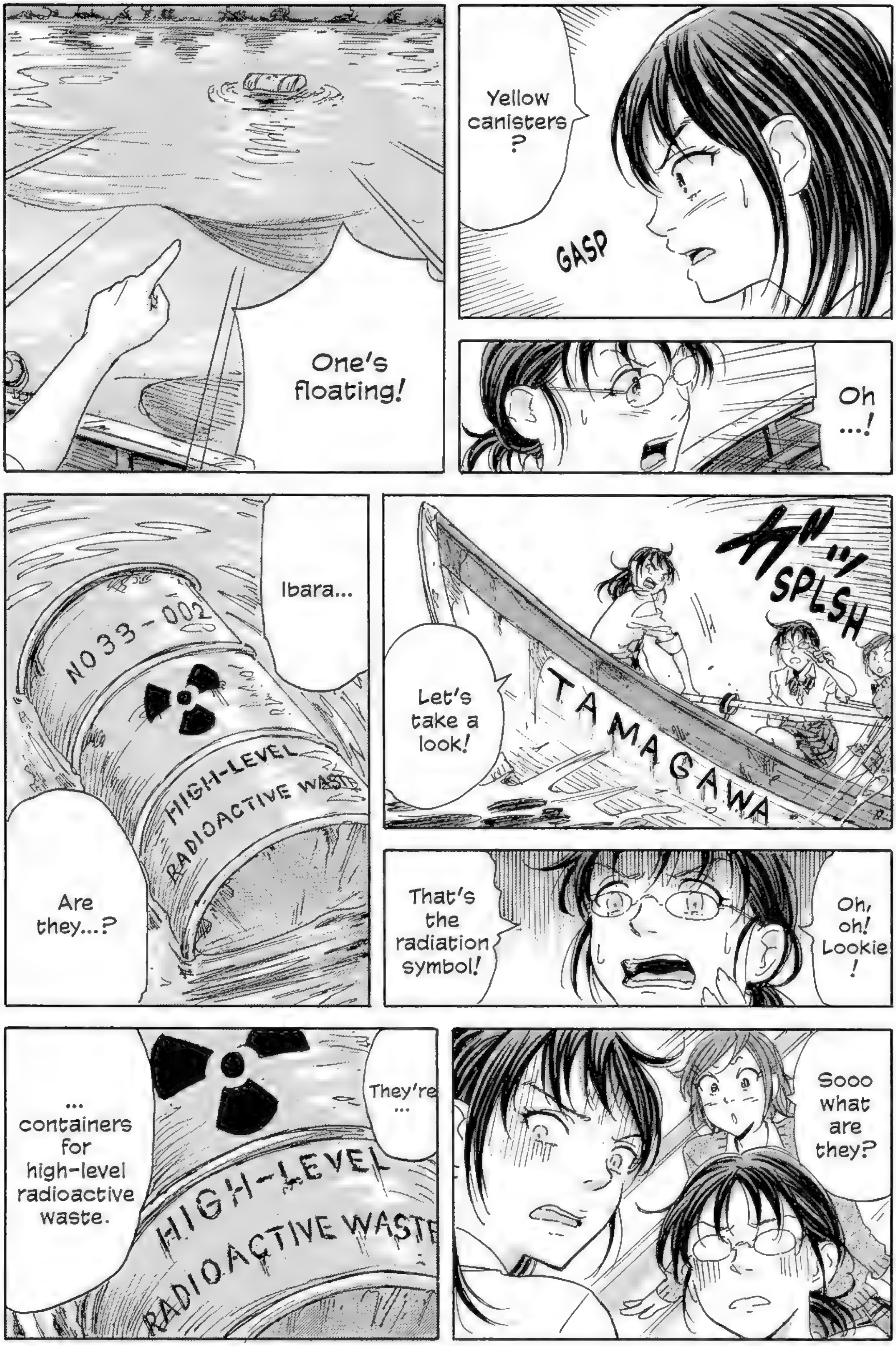

WELCOME TO TAMAGAWA
CLOP
SWSH
Stay on your guard ...
They're armed.

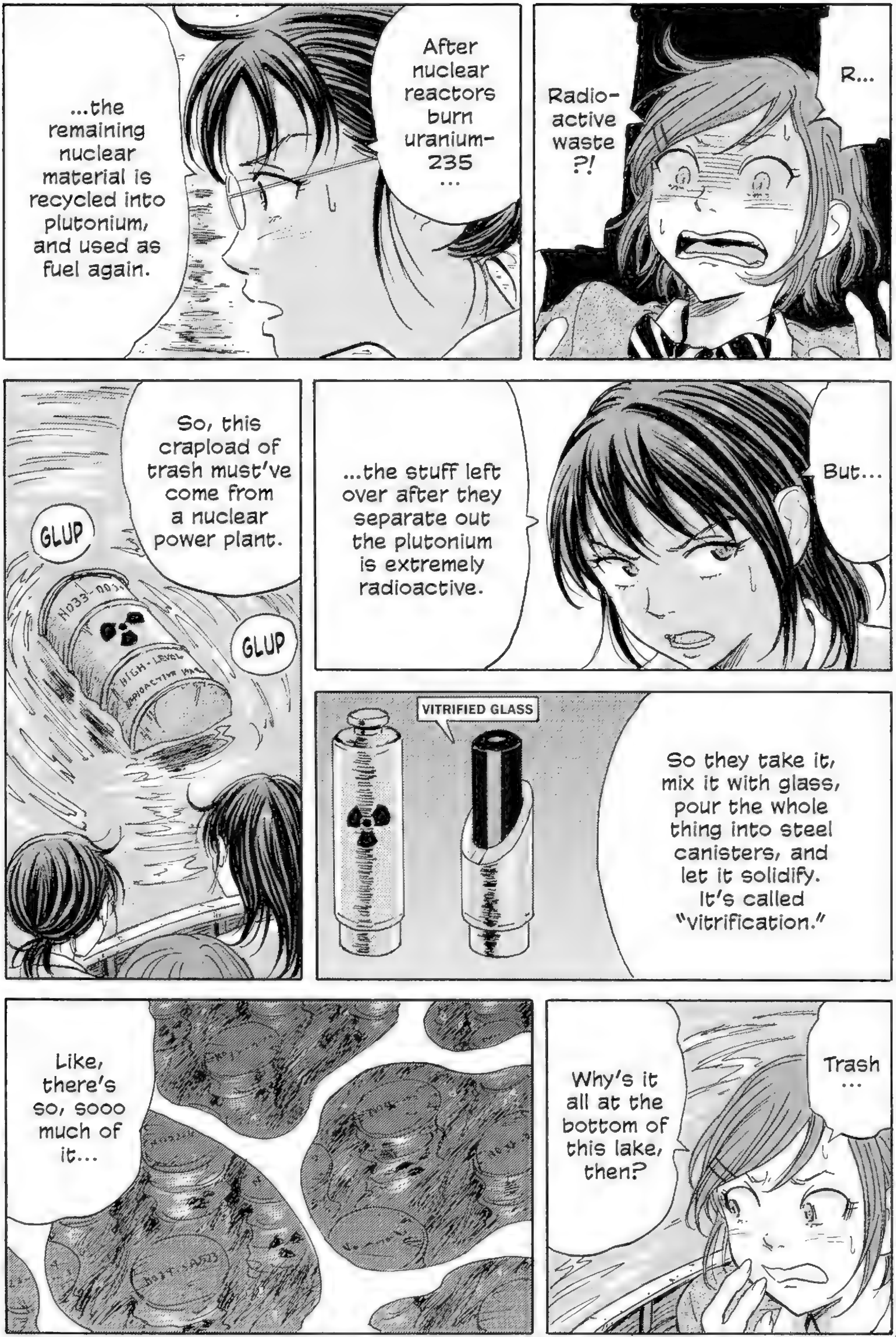

SHAKE
SHAKE
O-Over there...
!
Ibara...!
?!
We're too late...
SWP
ズザ...
No...!
GLOP
GLOP
The radiation was too much for them...
They're dead.

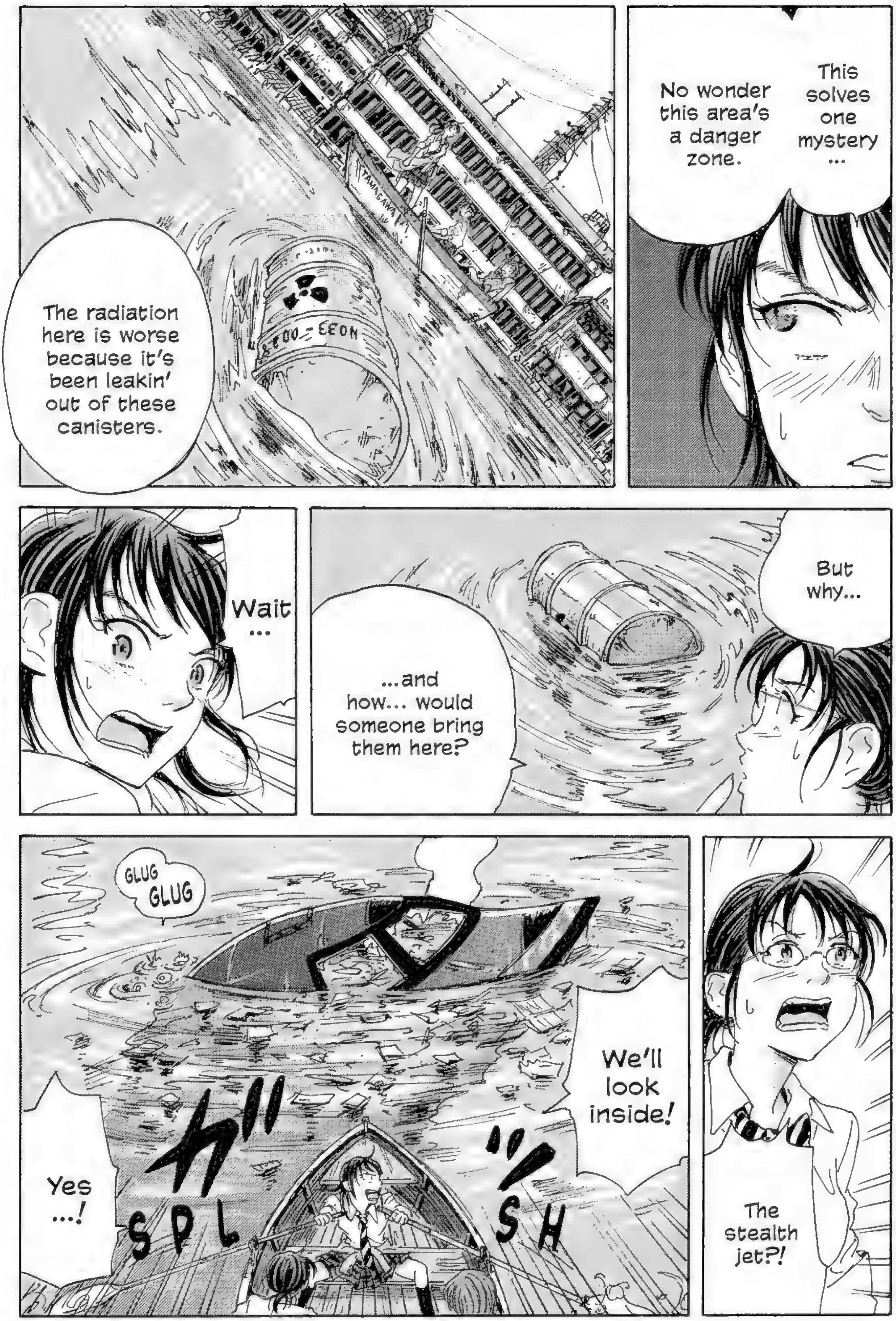

Who on earth *were* they...?
Nooo! Not more corpses!
They musta been mercenaries. I bet they didn't understand how much danger they were in here.
They were used...
Driven by money...
This was my fault.
I let more people die...
Their stealth jet...
... should be beyond here.

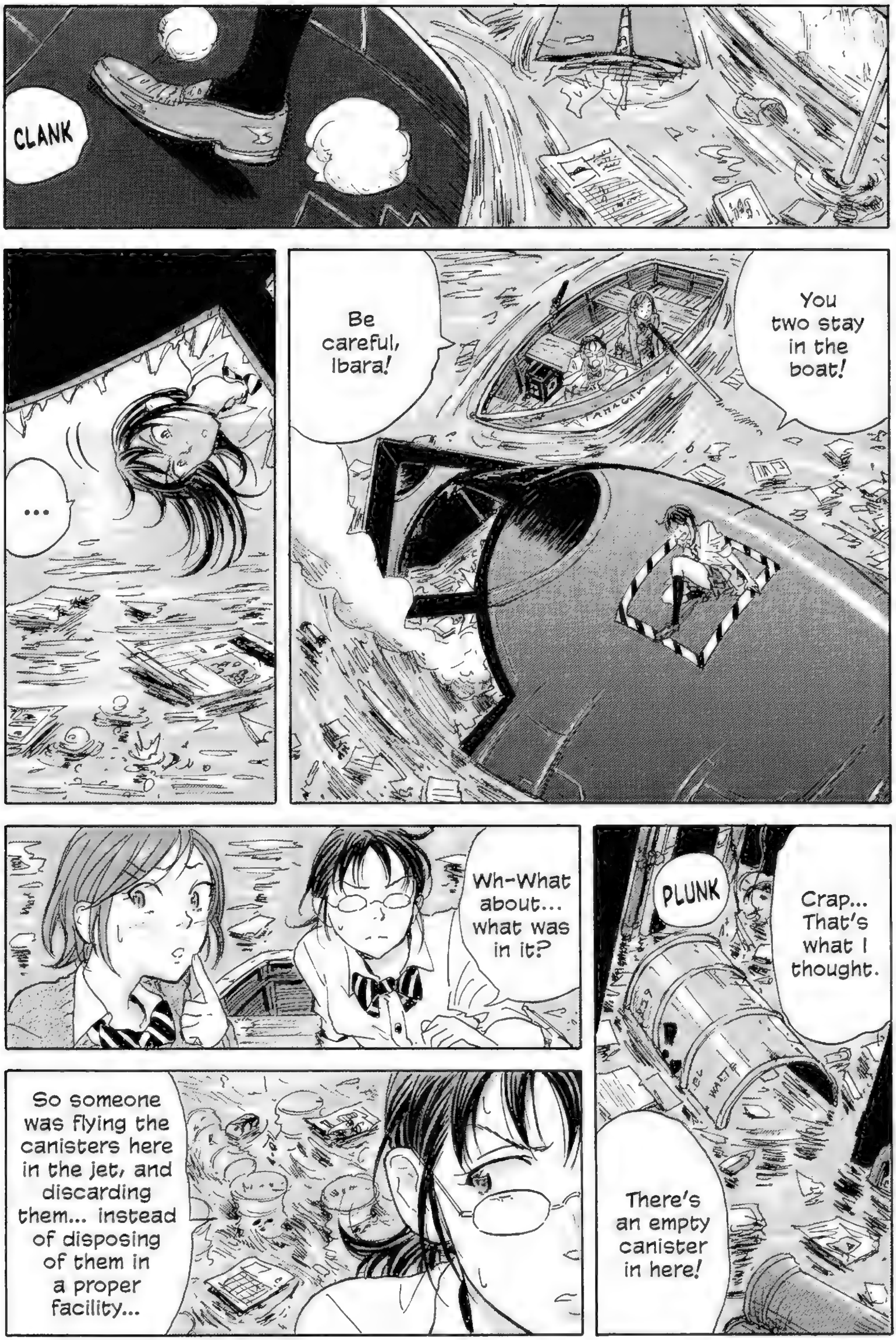

GLUB
There it is!
It hasn't sunk yet...!
There's a row-boat.
PLUNK
We'll take that!
TAMAGAWA
ザパ
SPLSH
TAMAG
グーン
WHOOSH
Fooah...
All that running... I'm sooo beat...

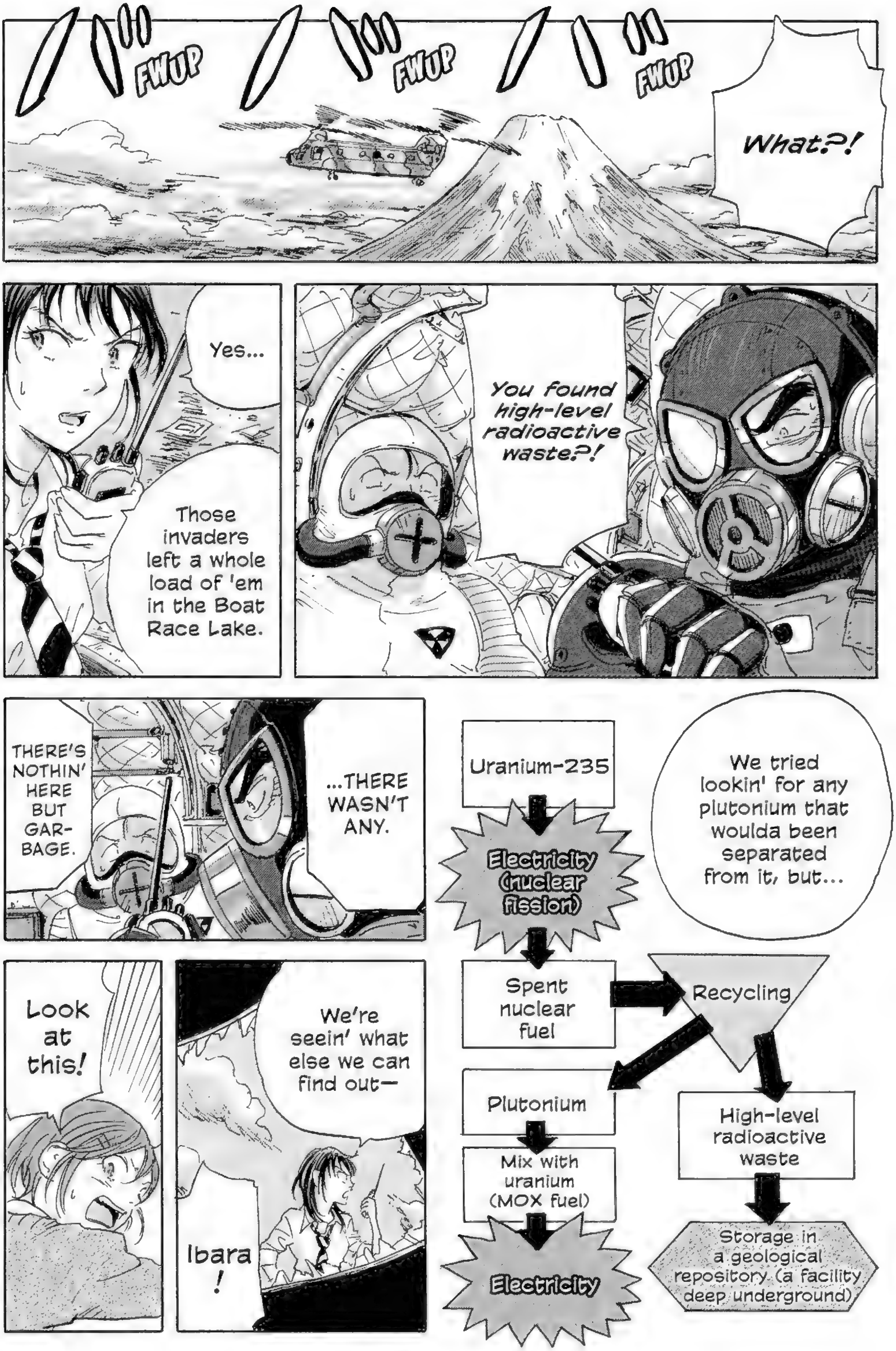

Ya did good, Aoi!
Go ahead and take a nap.
I'll getcha some ice cream later, how about that?
?!
Ibara...!
Something's down there!
What?!
There're a bunch of yellow canisters...
What are these...?!
NO38-00329
28-3328

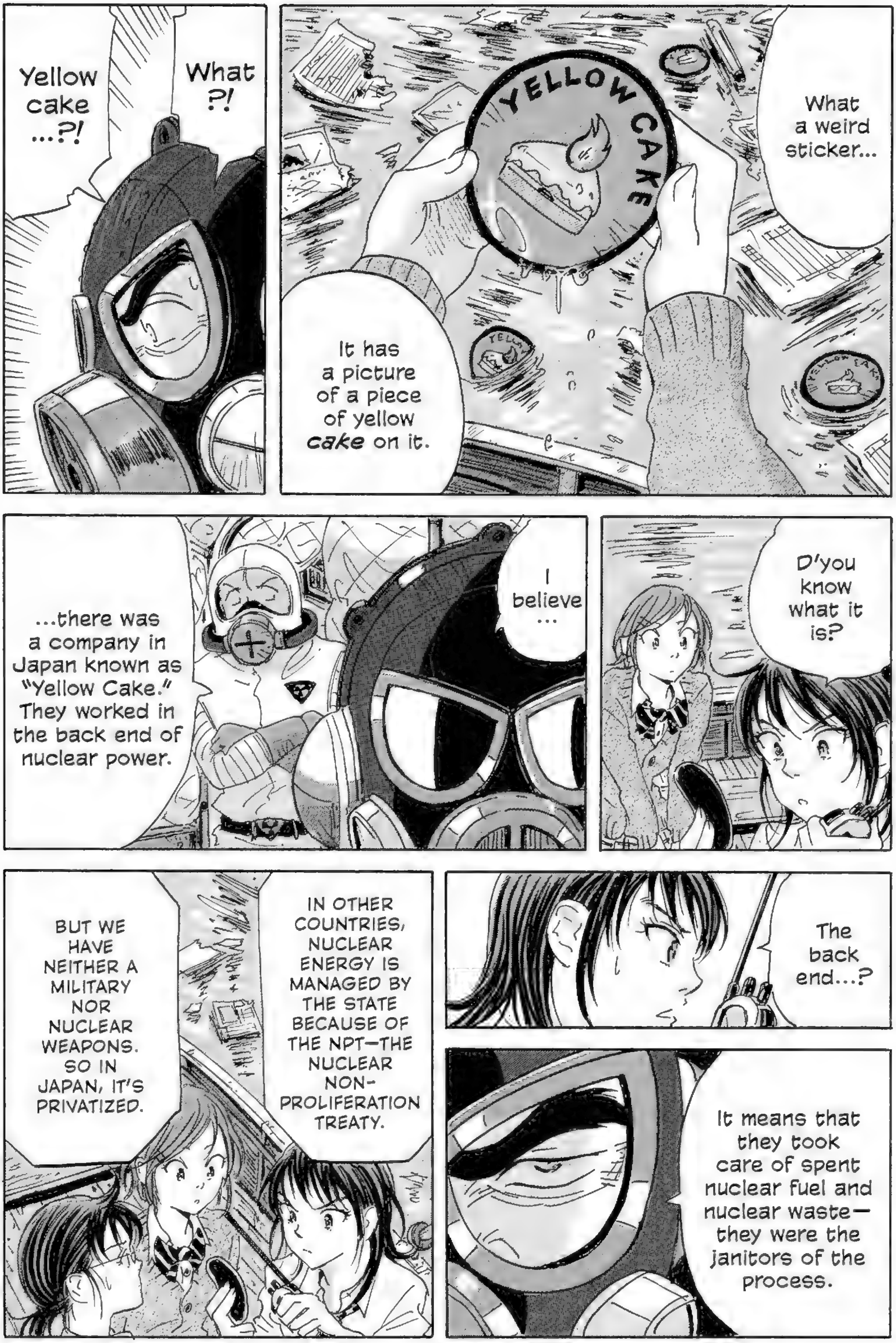

Yellow canisters?
GASP
Oh ...!
One's floating!
SPLSH
TAMAGAWA
Let's take a look!
Oh, oh! Lookie!
That's the radiation symbol!
Ibara...
NO33-002
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE
Are they...?
Sooo what are they?
They're ...
... containers for high-level radioactive waste.
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE

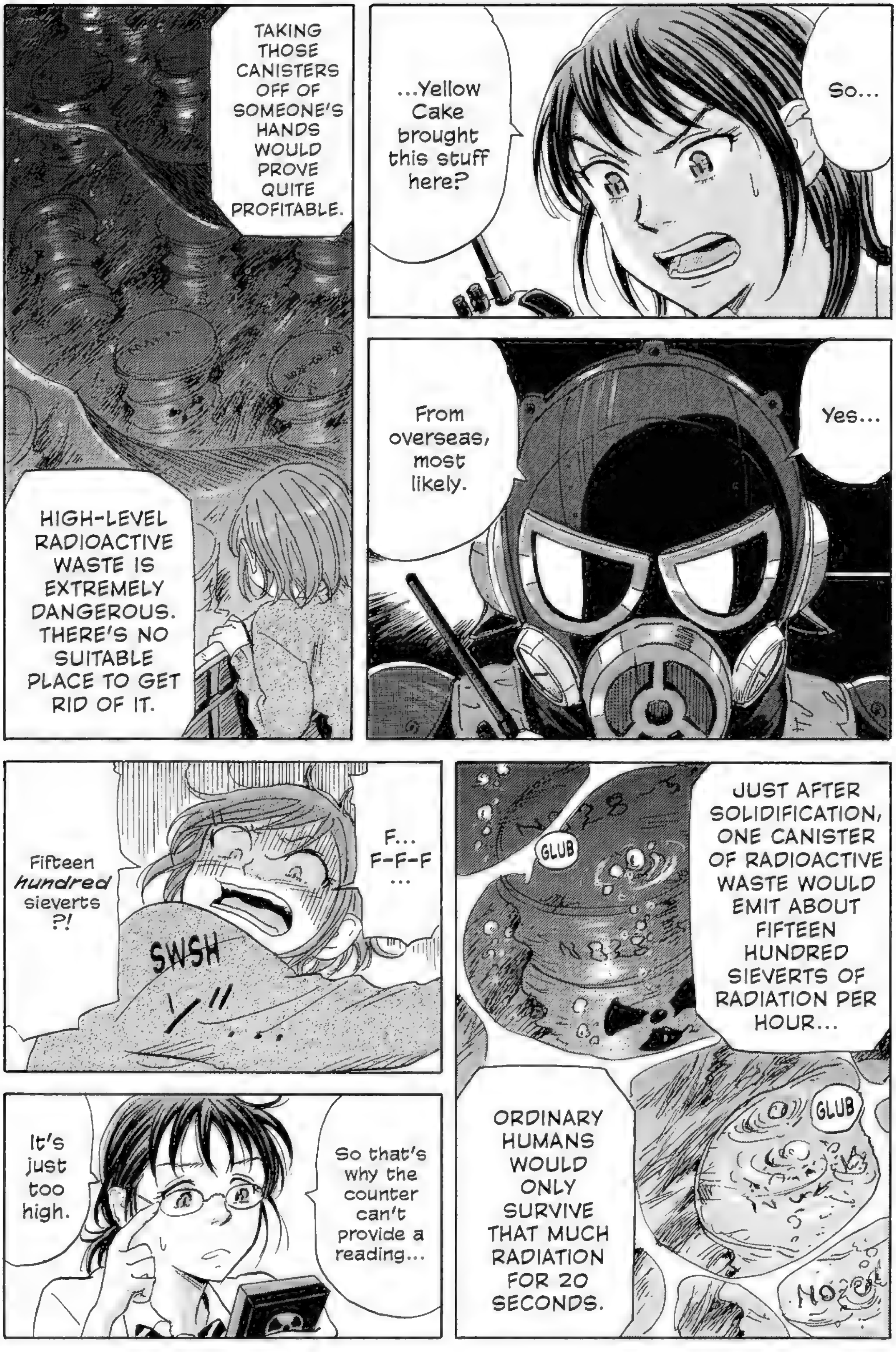

R...
Radio-active waste?!
After nuclear reactors burn uranium-235...
...the remaining nuclear material is recycled into plutonium, and used as fuel again.
But...
...the stuff left over after they separate out the plutonium is extremely radioactive.
So they take it, mix it with glass, pour the whole thing into steel canisters, and let it solidify. It's called "vitrification."
VITRIFIED GLASS
So, this crapload of trash must've come from a nuclear power plant.
GLUP
GLUP
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WA
Trash...
Why's it all at the bottom of this lake, then?
Like, there's so, sooo much of it...

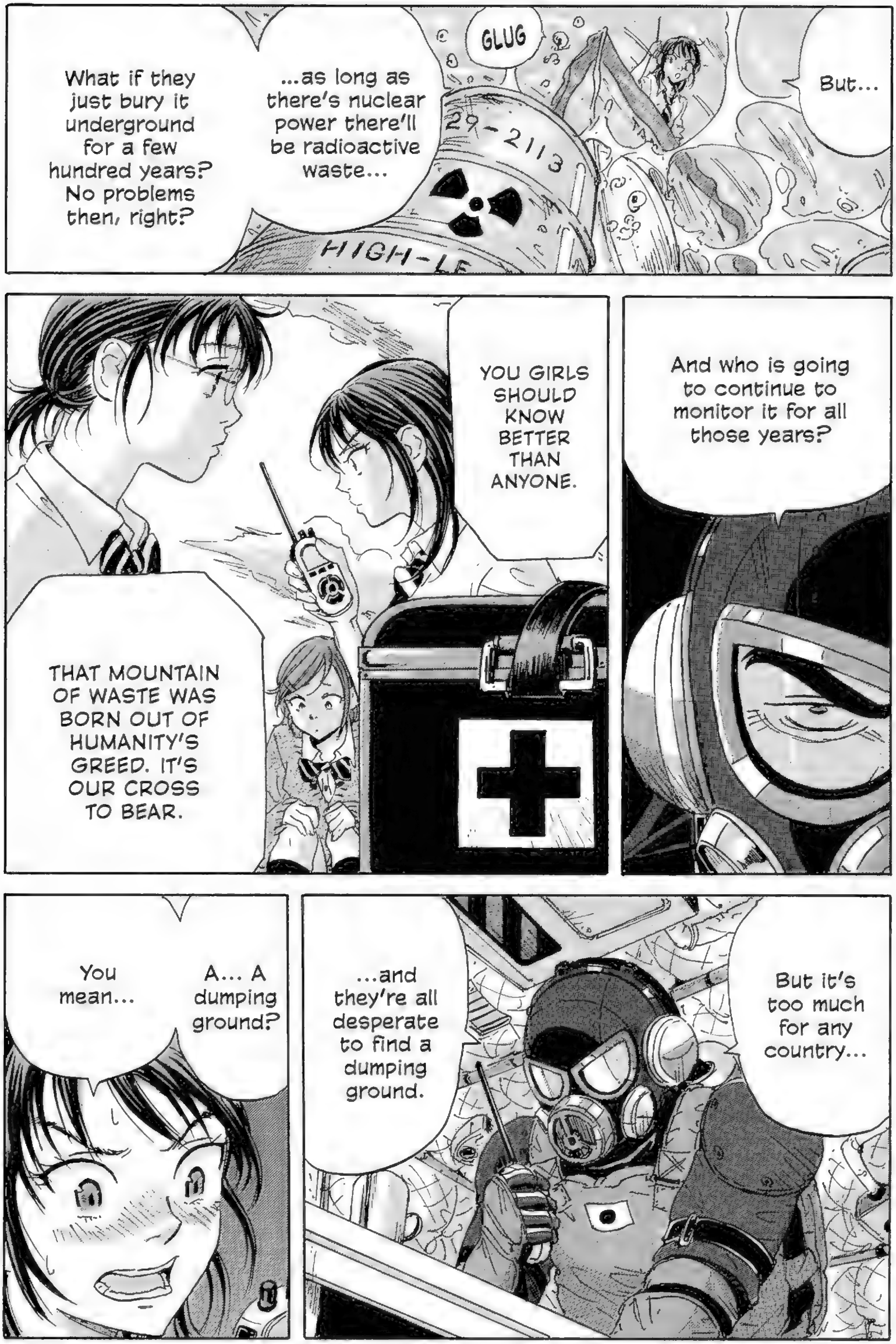

The radiation here is worse because it's been leakin' out of these canisters.
No wonder this area's a danger zone.
This solves one mystery...
Wait...
But why...
...and how... would someone bring them here?
GLUG GLUG
The stealth jet?!
We'll look inside!
Yes...!
SPLSH

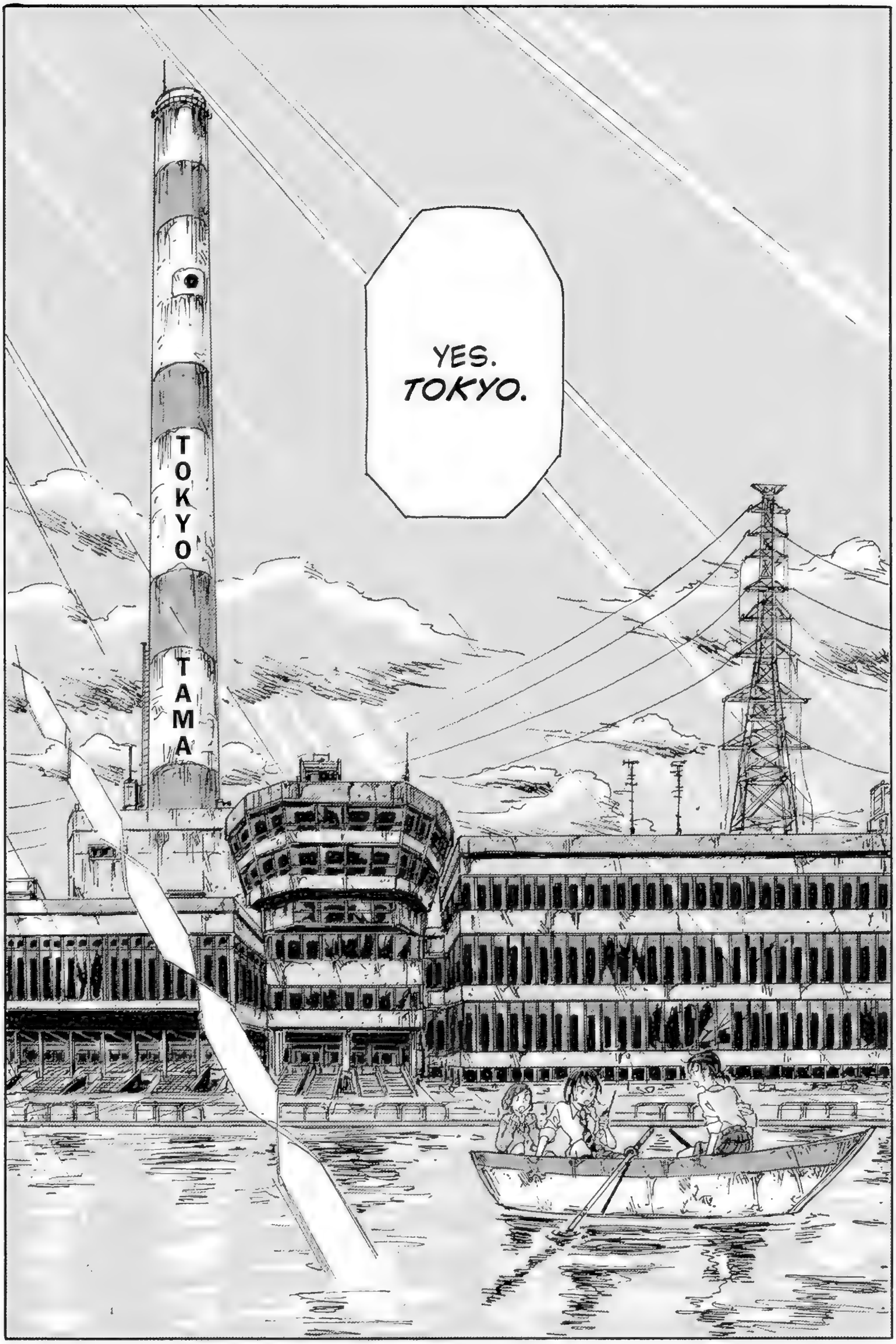

CLANK
You two stay in the boat!
Be careful, Ibara!
...
PLUNK
Crap... That's what I thought.
There's an empty canister in here!
Wh-What about... what was in it?
So someone was flying the canisters here in the jet, and discarding them... instead of disposing of them in a proper facility...

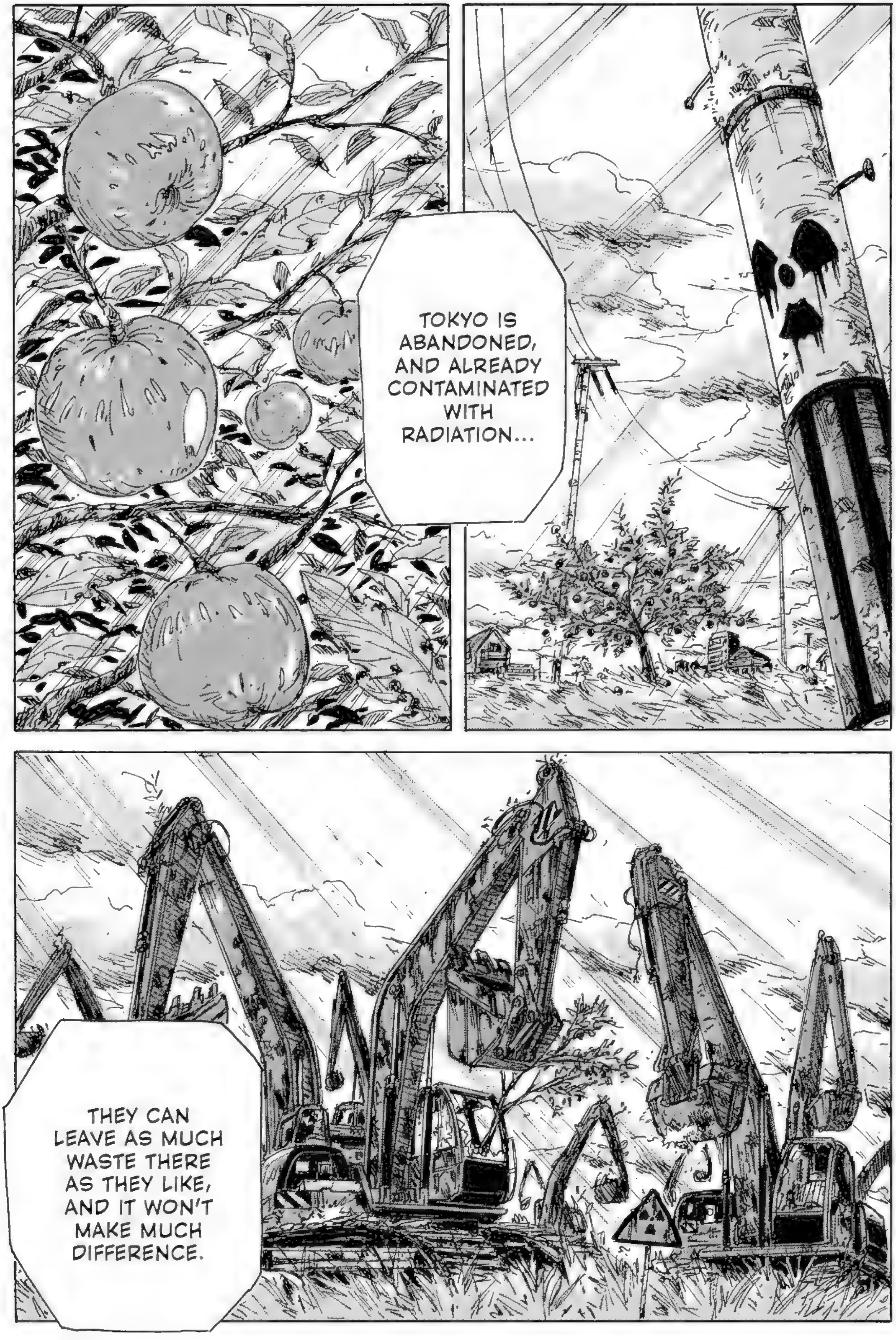

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
What?!
You found high-level radioactive waste?!
Yes...
Those invaders left a whole load of 'em in the Boat Race Lake.
We tried lookin' for any plutonium that woulda been separated from it, but...
Uranium-235
Electricity (nuclear fission)
Spent nuclear fuel
Recycling
Plutonium
Mix with uranium (MOX fuel)
Electricity
High-level radioactive waste
Storage in a geological repository (a facility deep underground)
...THERE WASN'T ANY.
THERE'S NOTHIN' HERE BUT GARBAGE.
We're seein' what else we can find out—
Ibara!
Look at this!

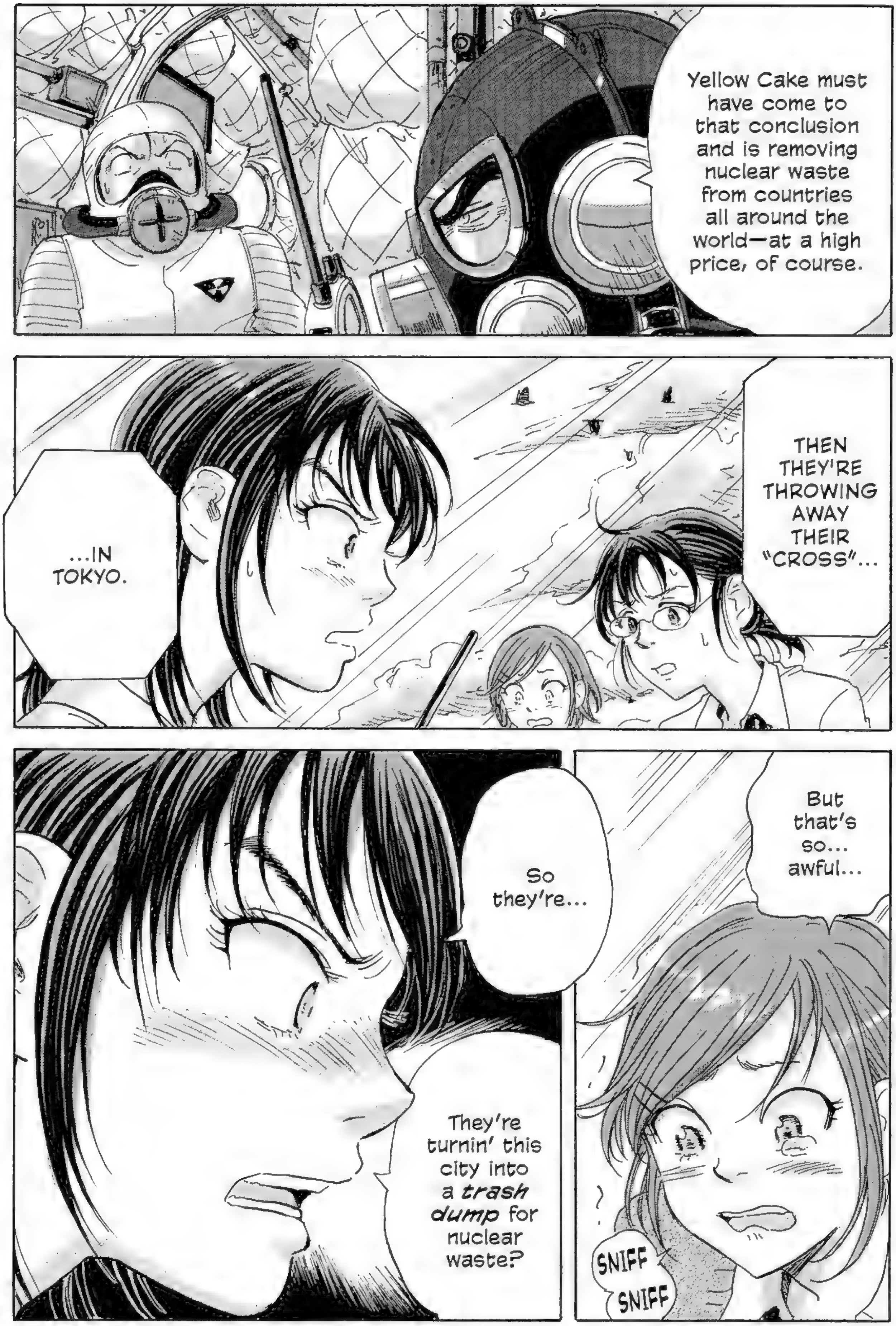

What a weird sticker...
YELLOW CAKE
It has a picture of a piece of yellow *cake* on it.
What?!
Yellow cake...?!
D'you know what it is?
I believe...
...there was a company in Japan known as "Yellow Cake." They worked in the back end of nuclear power.
The back end...?
It means that they took care of spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste—they were the janitors of the process.
IN OTHER COUNTRIES, NUCLEAR ENERGY IS MANAGED BY THE STATE BECAUSE OF THE NPT—THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.
BUT WE HAVE NEITHER A MILITARY NOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SO IN JAPAN, IT'S PRIVATIZED.

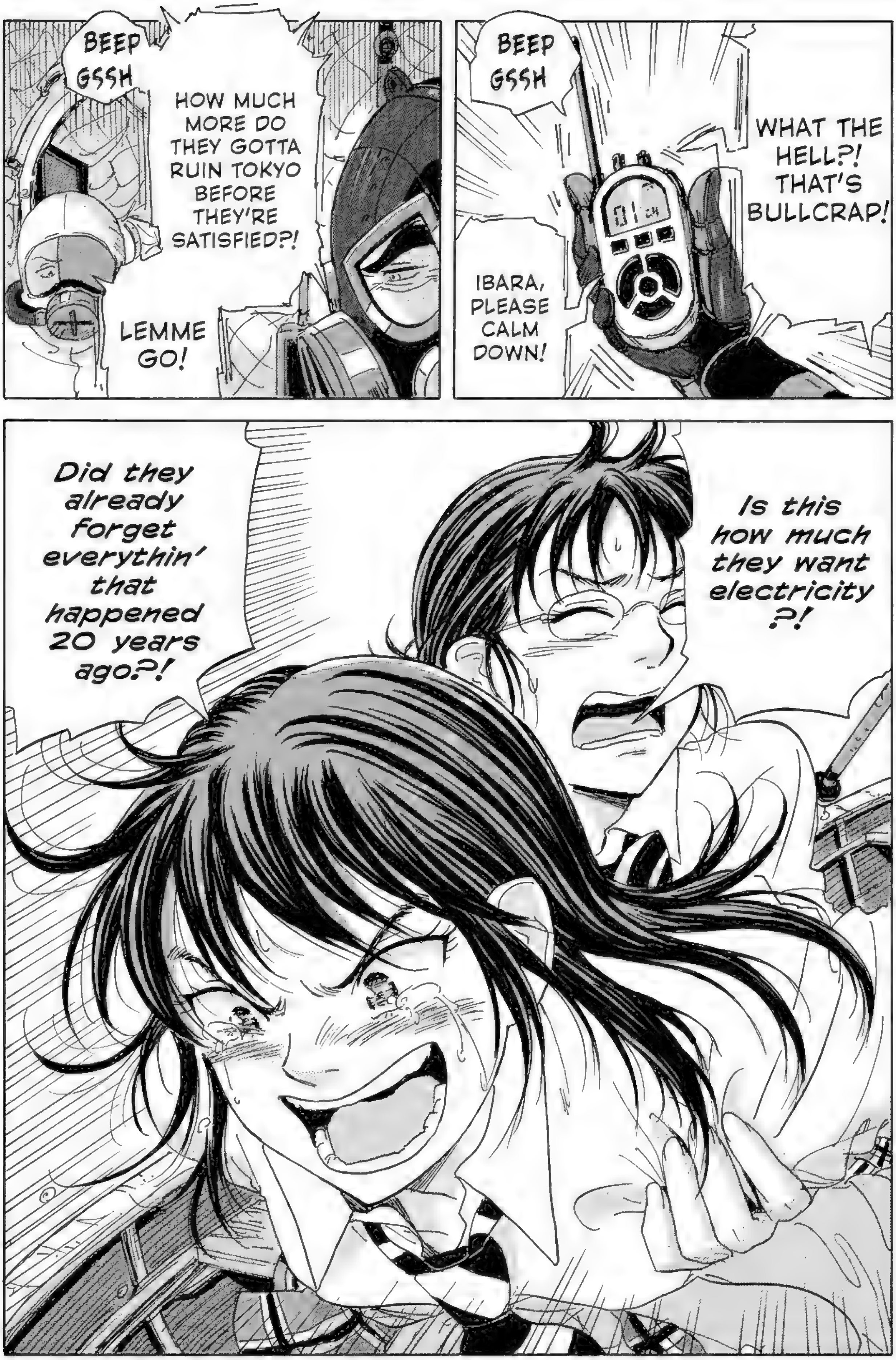

So...
...Yellow Cake brought this stuff here?
Yes...
From overseas, most likely.
TAKING THOSE CANISTERS OFF OF SOMEONE'S HANDS WOULD PROVE QUITE PROFITABLE.
HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. THERE'S NO SUITABLE PLACE TO GET RID OF IT.
JUST AFTER SOLIDIFICATION, ONE CANISTER OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE WOULD EMIT ABOUT FIFTEEN HUNDRED SIEVERTS OF RADIATION PER HOUR...
GLUB
GLUB
ORDINARY HUMANS WOULD ONLY SURVIVE THAT MUCH RADIATION FOR 20 SECONDS.
F... F-F-F ...
Fifteen *hundred* sieverts ?!
SWSH
So that's why the counter can't provide a reading...
It's just too high.

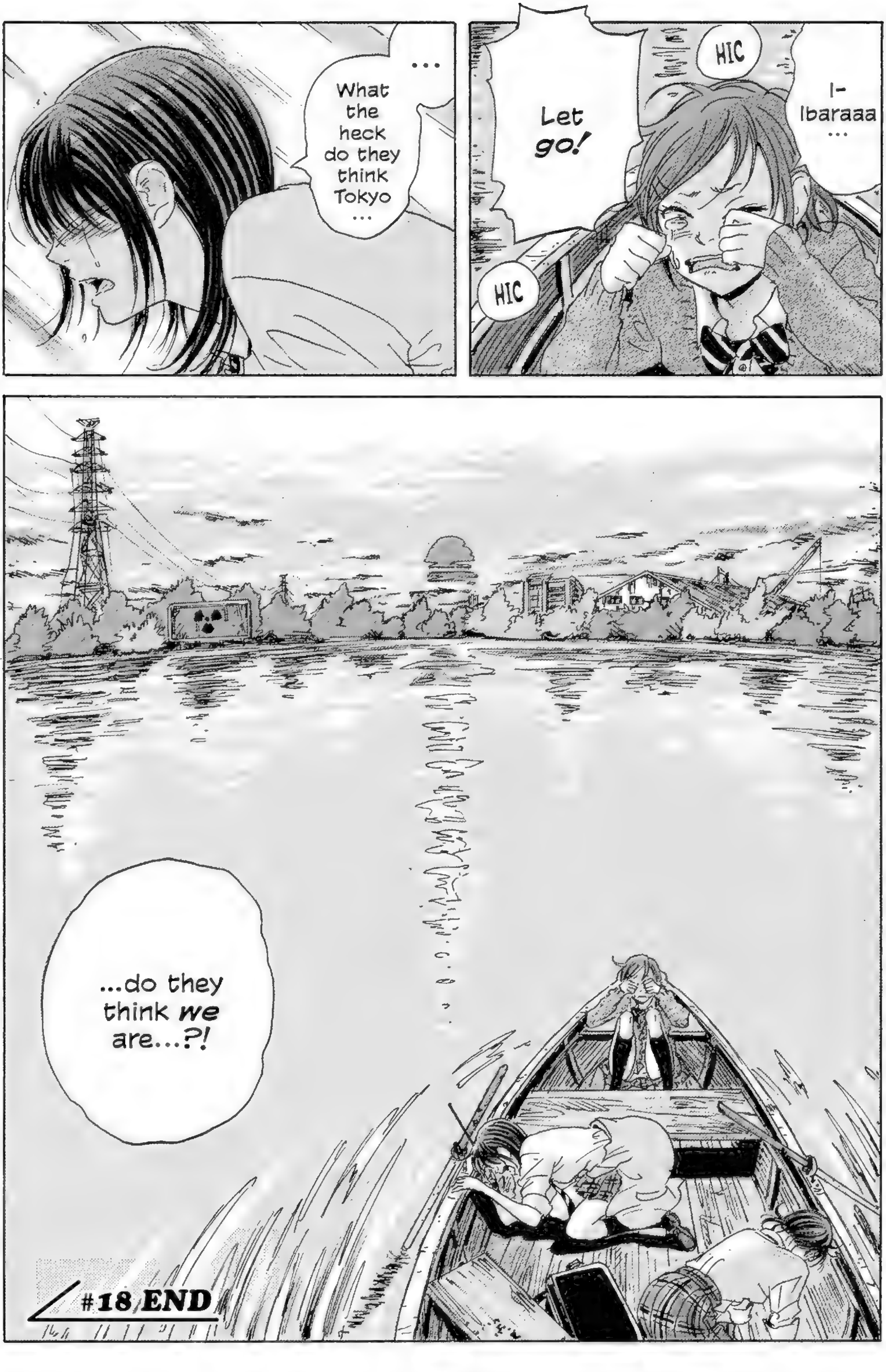

But...
...as long as there's nuclear power there'll be radioactive waste...
GLUG
29-2113
HIGH-LE
What if they just bury it underground for a few hundred years? No problems then, right?
And who is going to continue to monitor it for all those years?
YOU GIRLS SHOULD KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE.
THAT MOUNTAIN OF WASTE WAS BORN OUT OF HUMANITY'S GREED. IT'S OUR CROSS TO BEAR.
But it's too much for any country...
...and they're all desperate to find a dumping ground.
You mean...
A... A dumping ground?


YES.
TOKYO.
TOKYO TAMA


TOKYO IS ABANDONED, AND ALREADY CONTAMINATED WITH RADIATION...
THEY CAN LEAVE AS MUCH WASTE THERE AS THEY LIKE, AND IT WON'T MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE.


Yellow Cake must have come to that conclusion and is removing nuclear waste from countries all around the world—at a high price, of course.
THEN THEY'RE THROWING AWAY THEIR "CROSS"...
...IN TOKYO.
But that's so... awful...
SNIFF
SNIFF
So they're...
They're turnin' this city into a *trash dump* for nuclear waste?


BEEP GSSH
WHAT THE HELL?! THAT'S BULLCRAP!
IBARA, PLEASE CALM DOWN!
BEEP GSSH
HOW MUCH MORE DO THEY GOTTA RUIN TOKYO BEFORE THEY'RE SATISFIED?!
LEMME GO!
Is this how much they want electricity?!
Did they already forget everythin' that happened 20 years ago?!


I- Ibaraaa ...
HIC
Let *go!*
HIC
...
What the heck do they think Tokyo ...
...do they think *we* are...?!
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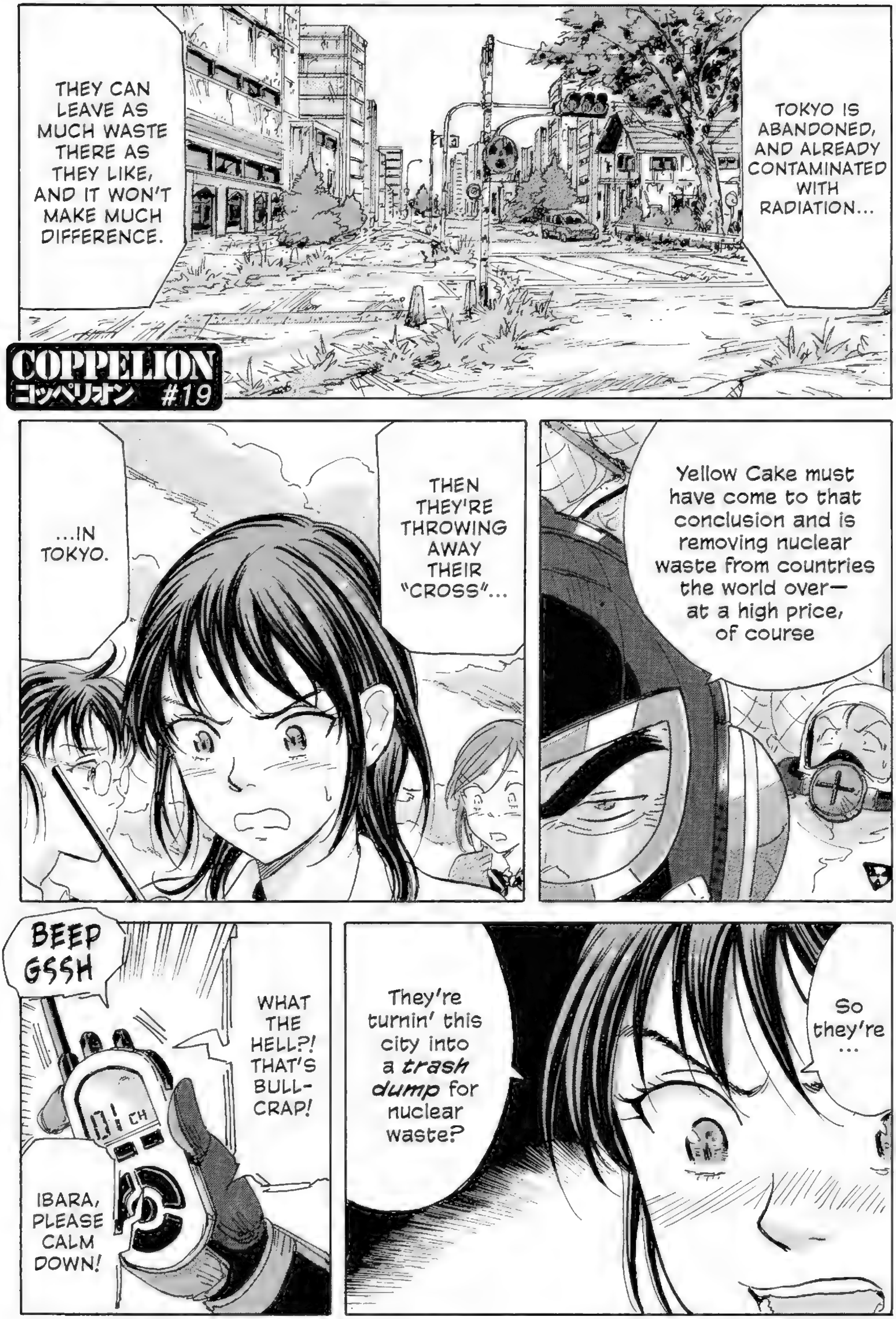
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COPPELION
コッペリオン #19
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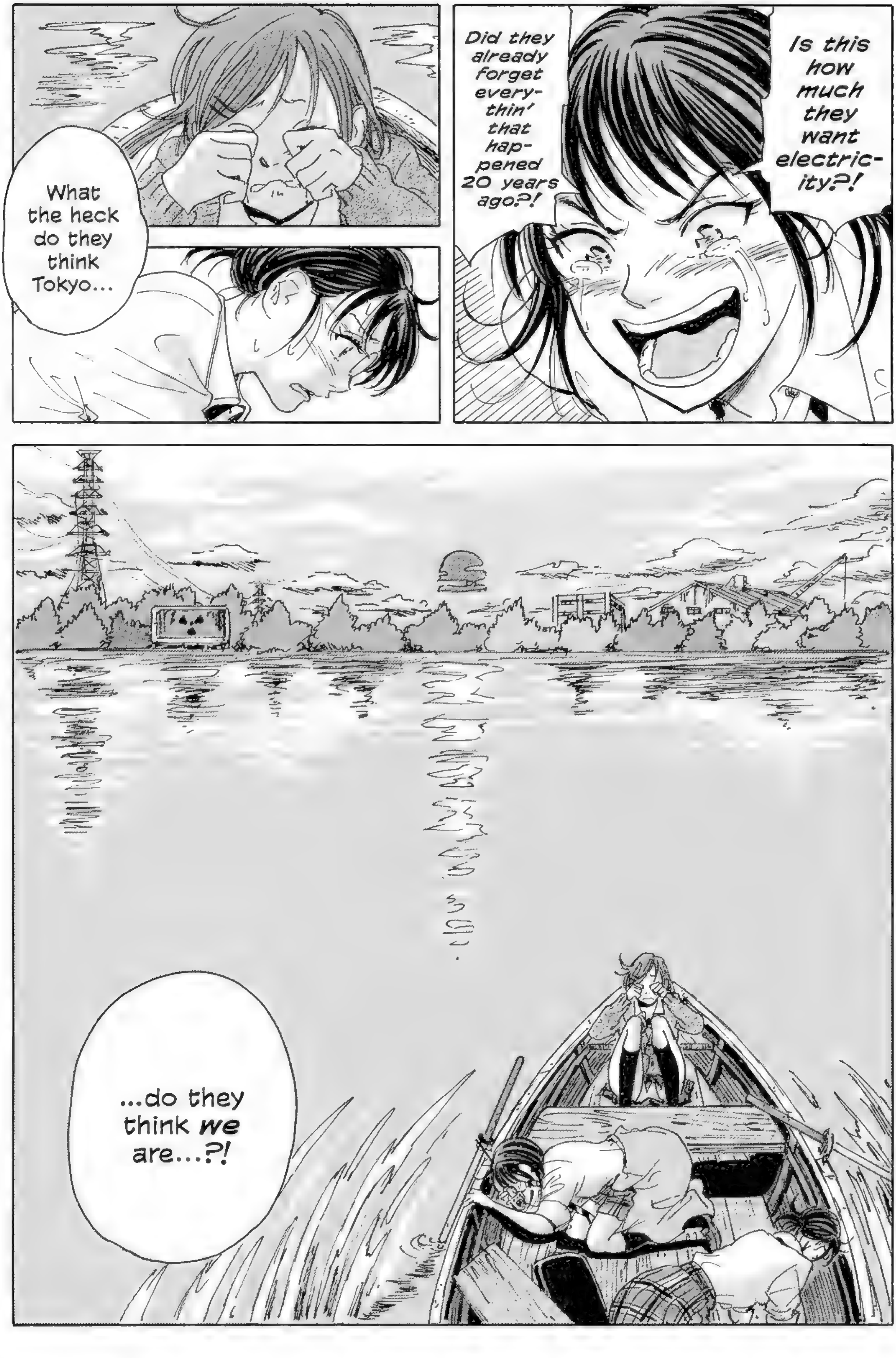
THEN THEY'RE THROWING AWAY THEIR "CROSS"...
...IN TOKYO.
So they're ...
They're turnin' this city into a *trash dump* for nuclear waste?
BEEP GSSH
WHAT THE HELL?! THAT'S BULL-CRAP!
01 CH
IBARA, PLEASE CALM DOWN!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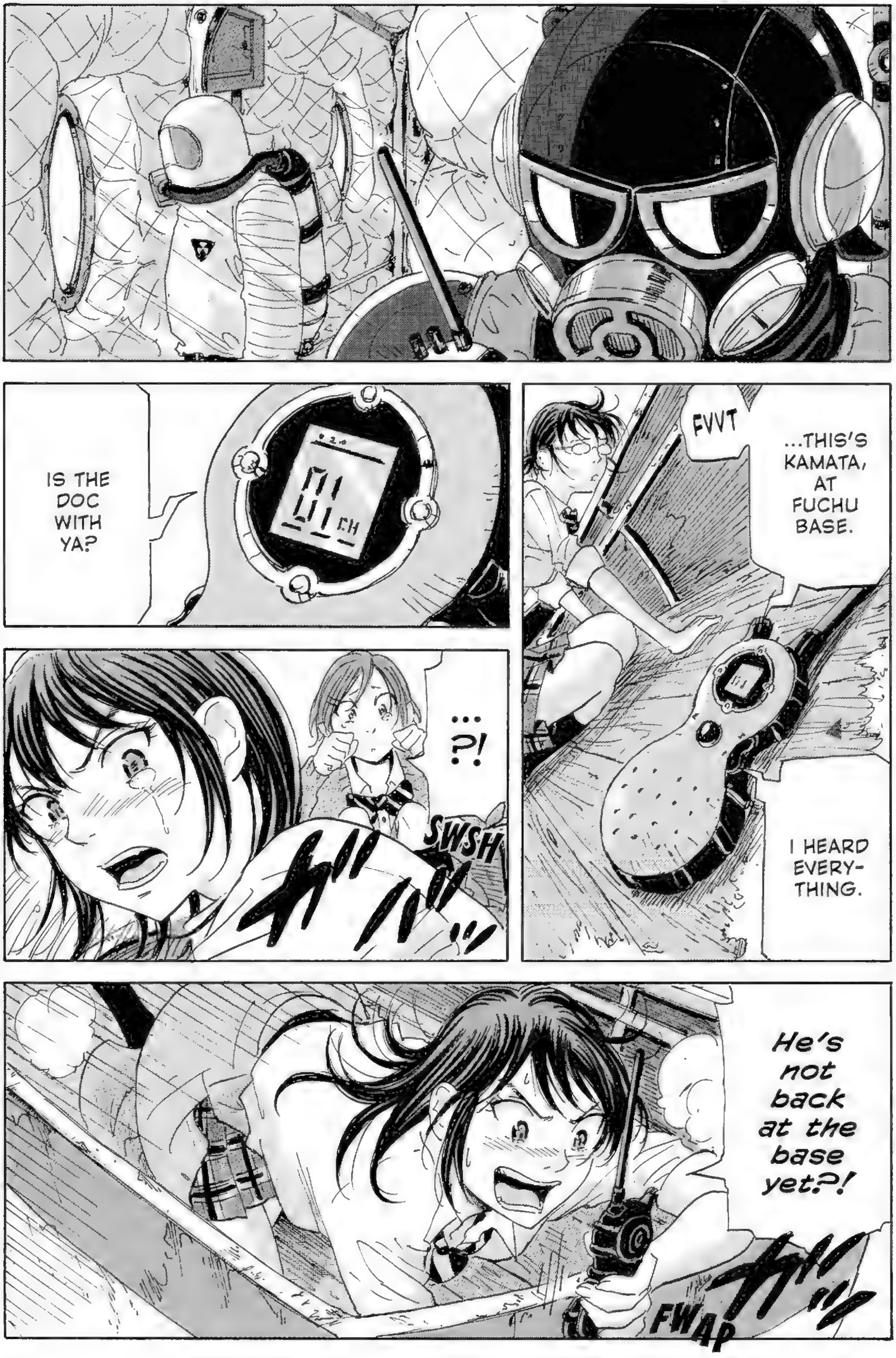
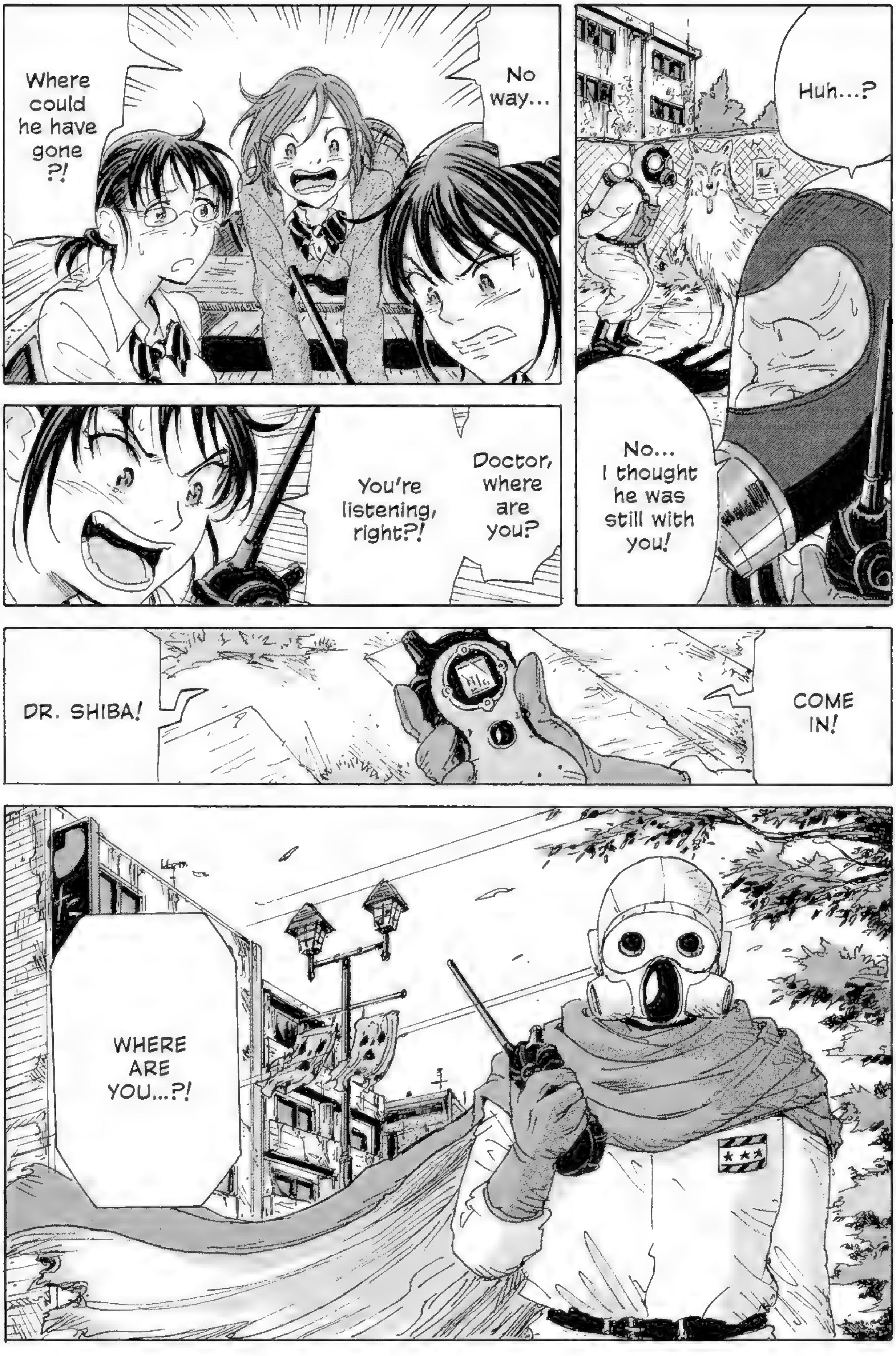
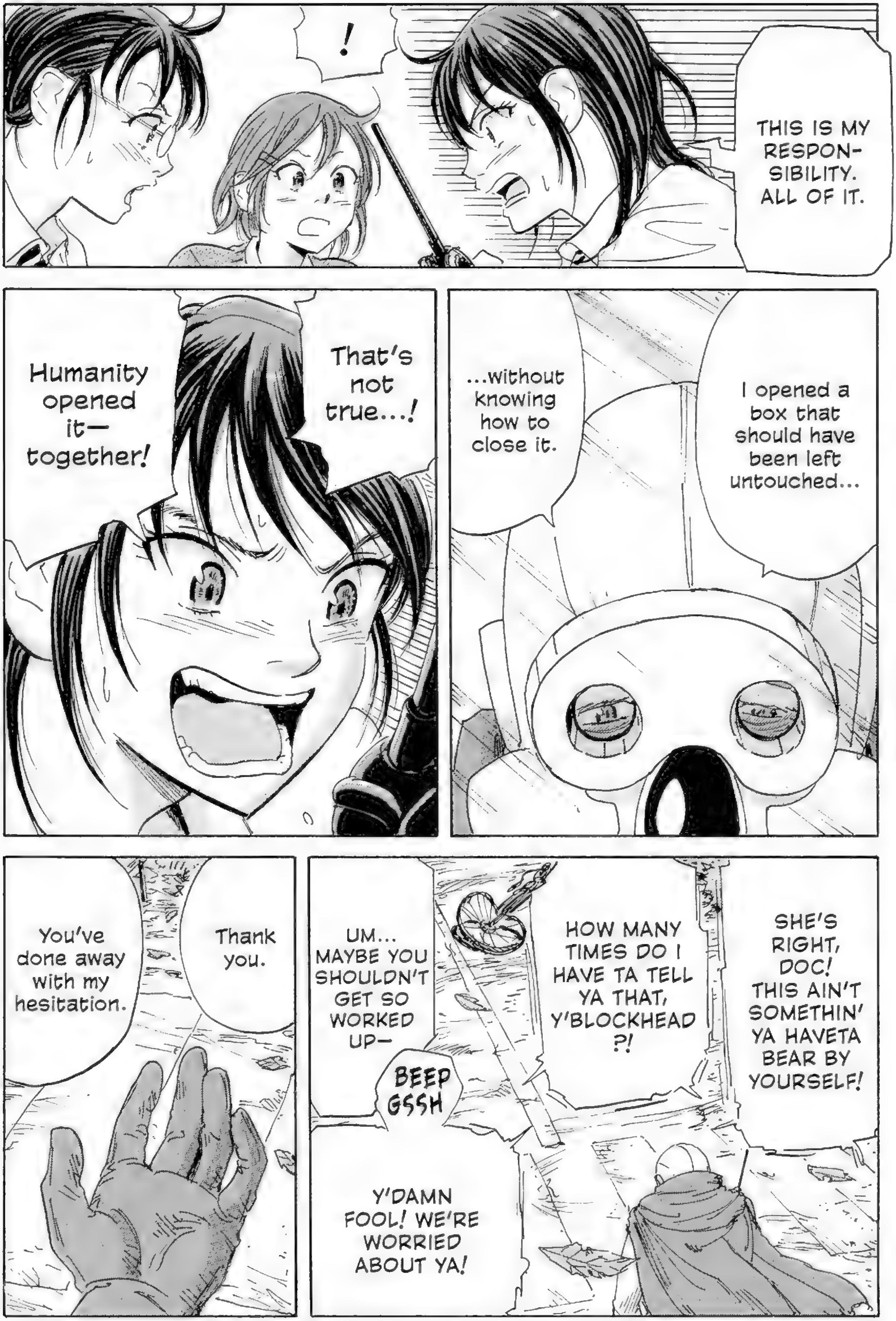
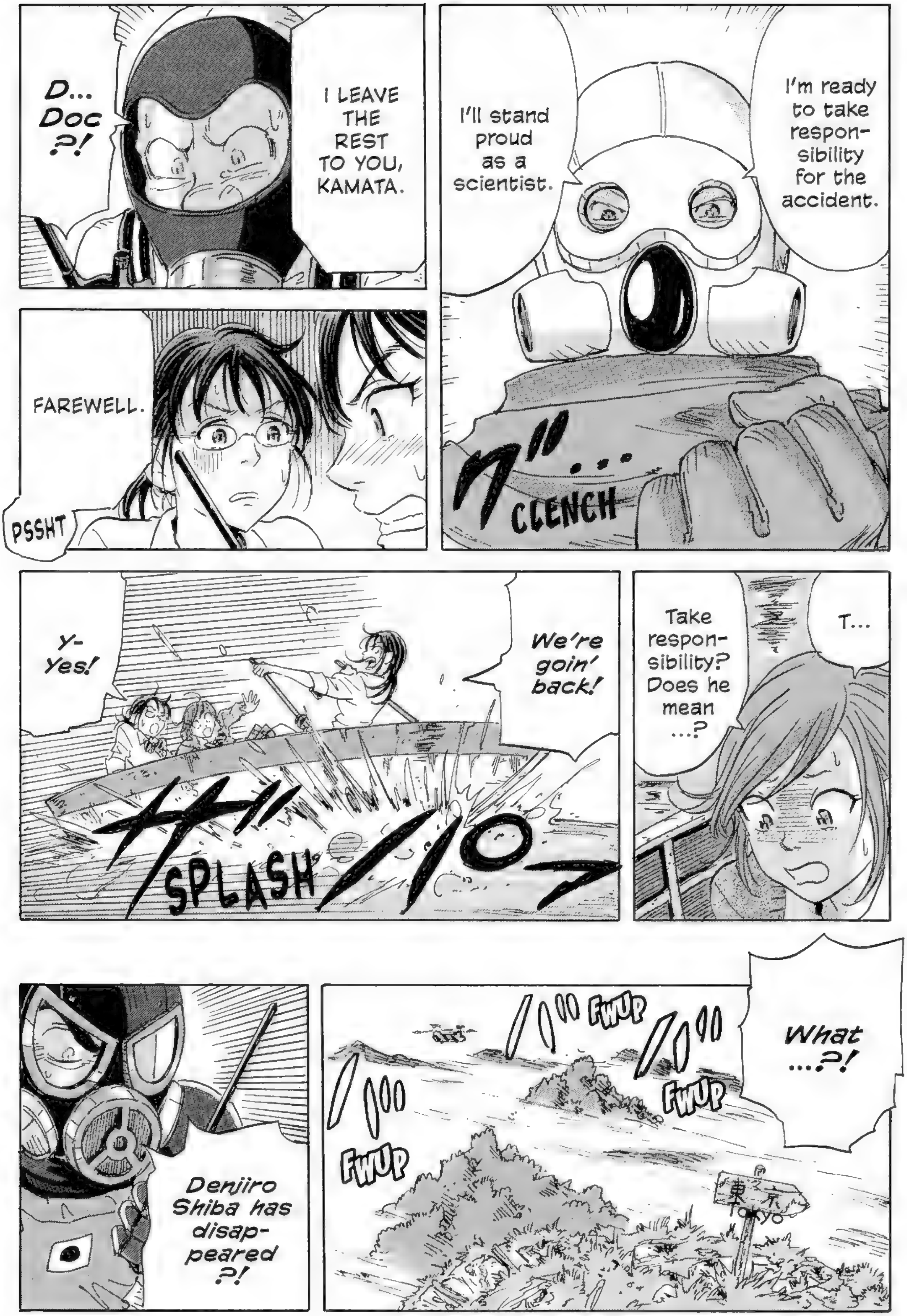
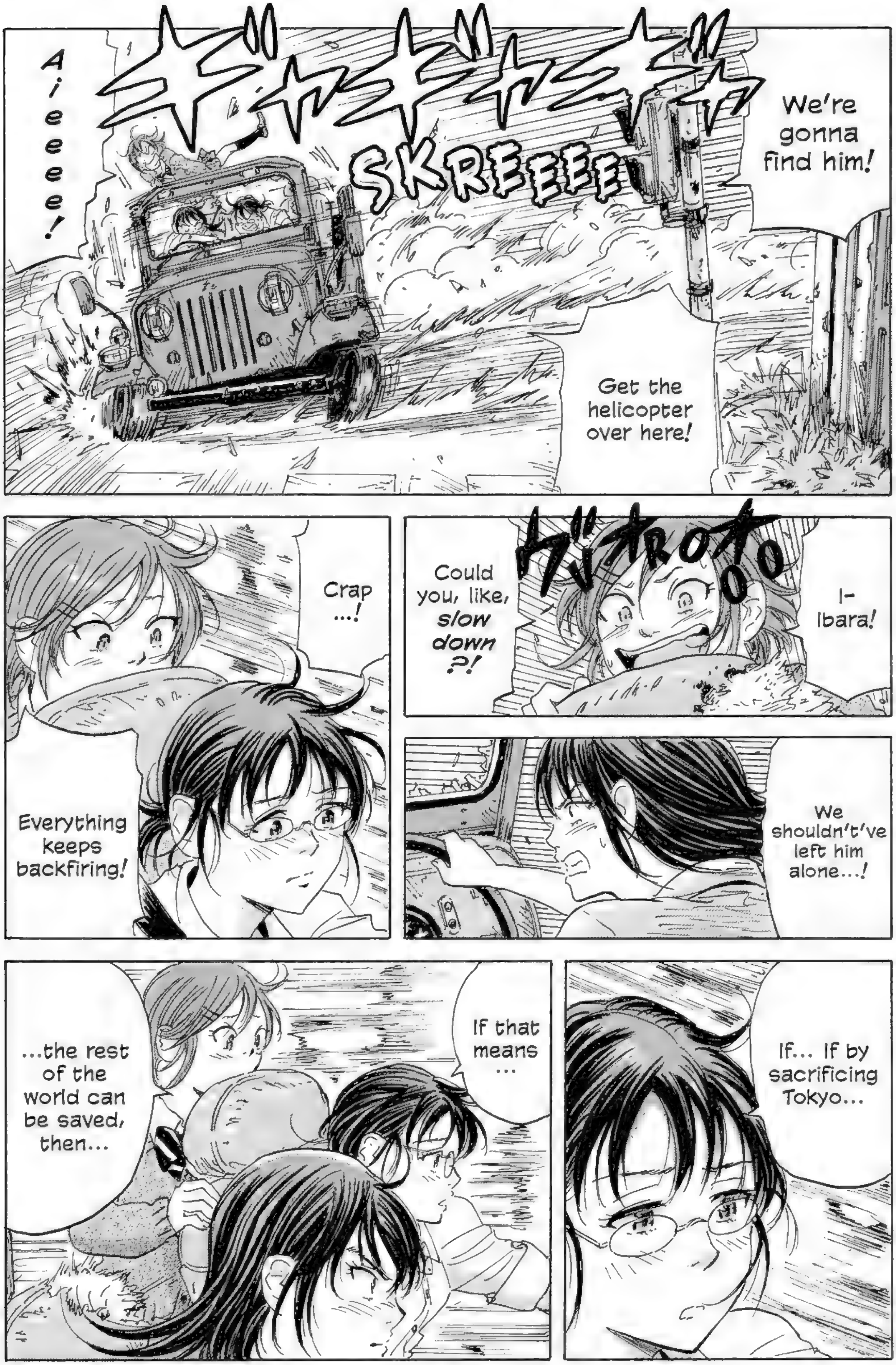
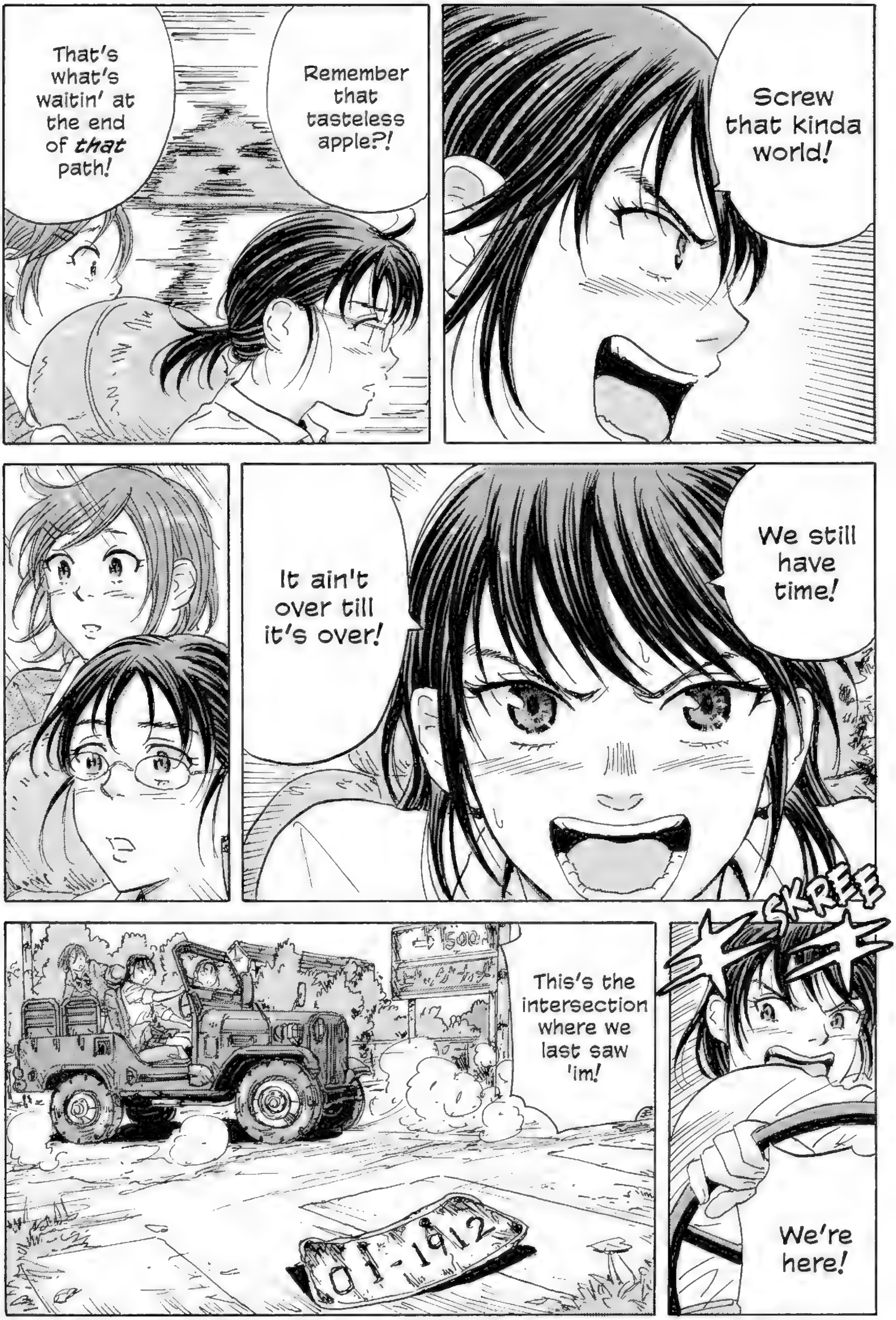

FVVT
...THIS'S KAMATA, AT FUCHU BASE.
I HEARD EVERYTHING.
IS THE DOC WITH YA?
...?!
SWSH
He's not back at the base yet?!
FWAP

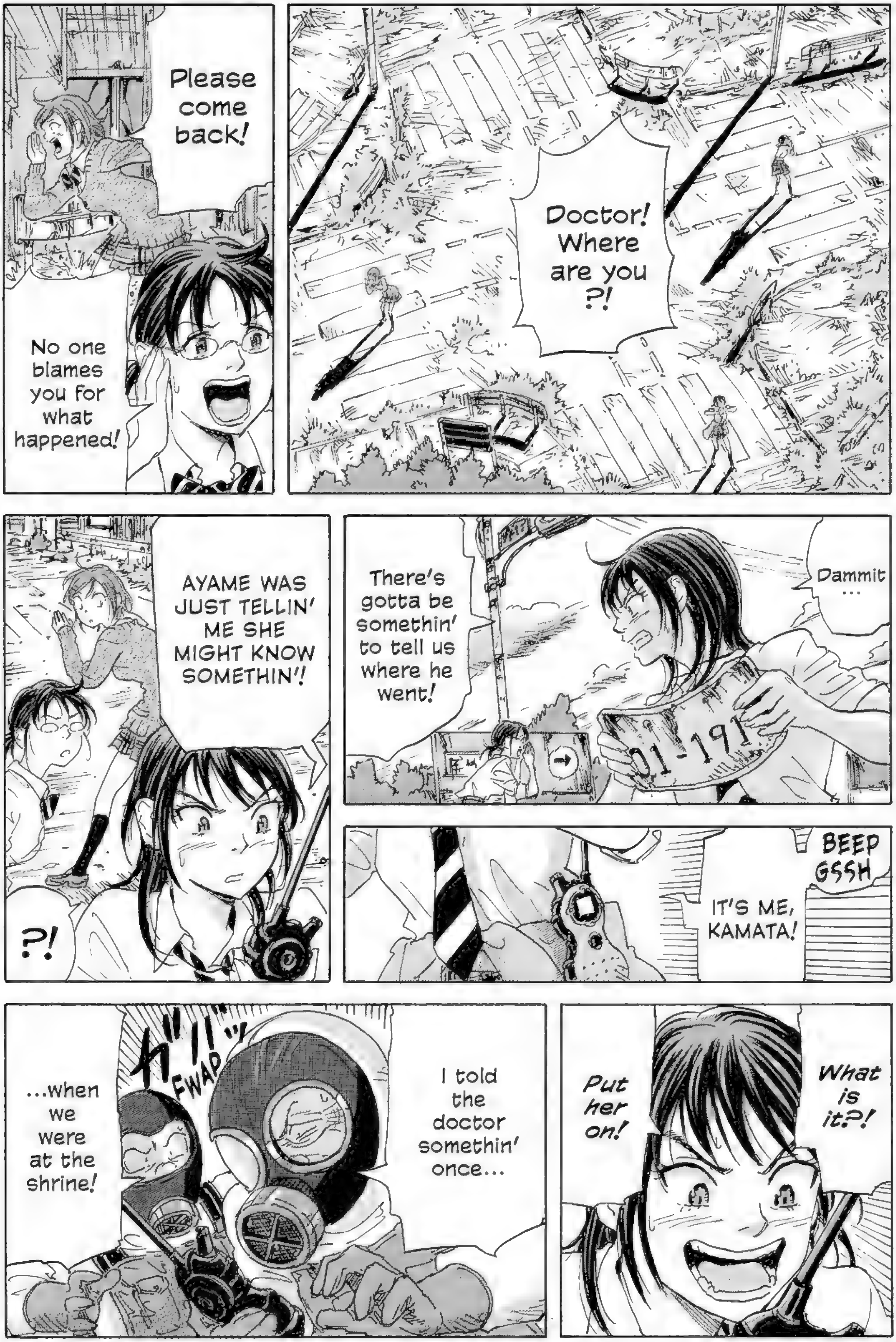

Huh...?
No... I thought he was still with you!
No way...
Where could he have gone?!
Doctor, where are you?
You're listening, right?!
COME IN!
DR. SHIBA!
WHERE ARE YOU...?!

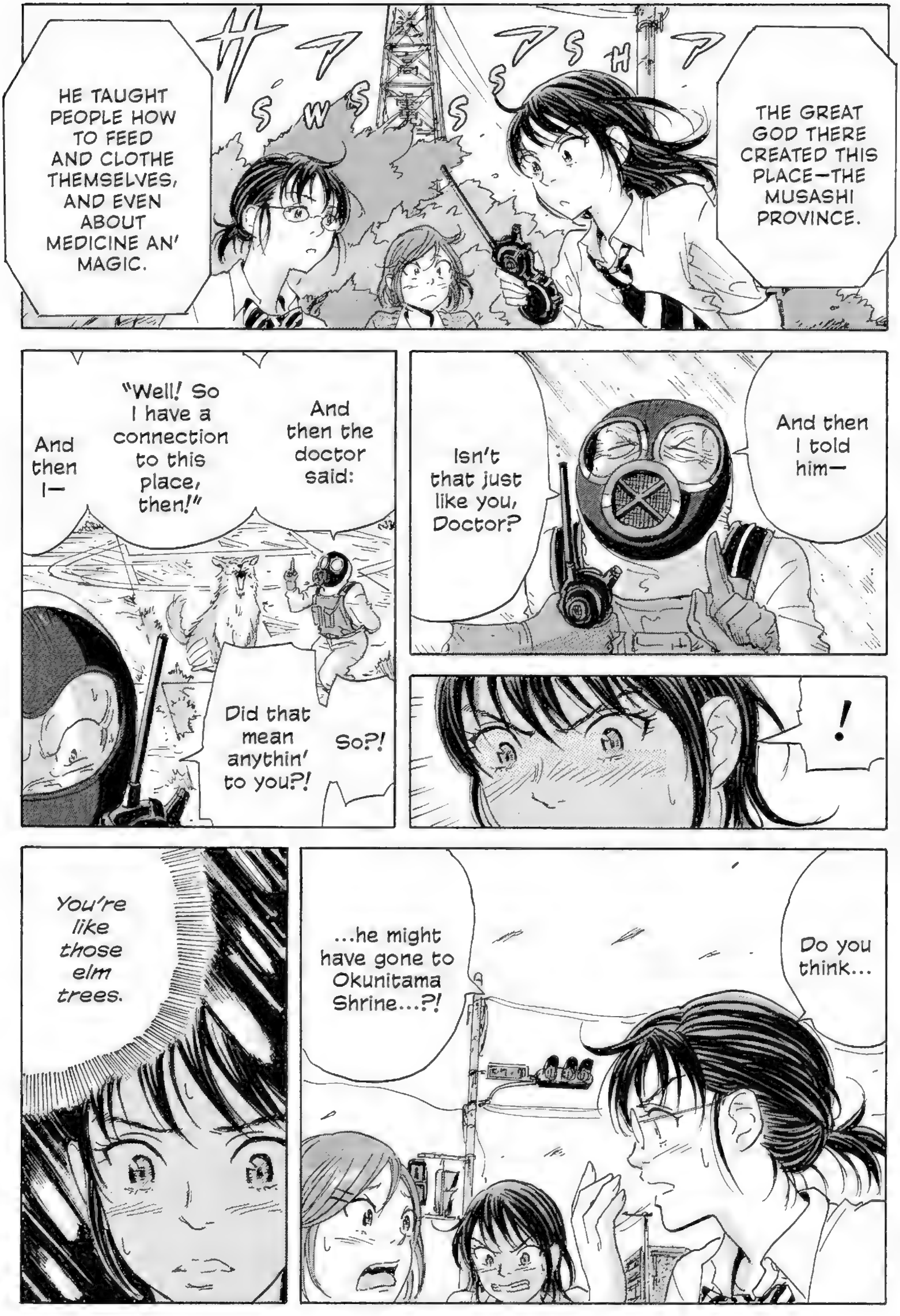

!
THIS IS MY RESPONSIBILITY. ALL OF IT.
I opened a box that should have been left untouched...
...without knowing how to close it.
That's not true...!
Humanity opened it—together!
SHE'S RIGHT, DOC! THIS AIN'T SOMETHIN' YA HAVETA BEAR BY YOURSELF!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TA TELL YA THAT, Y'BLOCKHEAD?!
UM... MAYBE YOU SHOULDN'T GET SO WORKED UP—
BEEP GSSH
Y'DAMN FOOL! WE'RE WORRIED ABOUT YA!
Thank you.
You've done away with my hesitation.

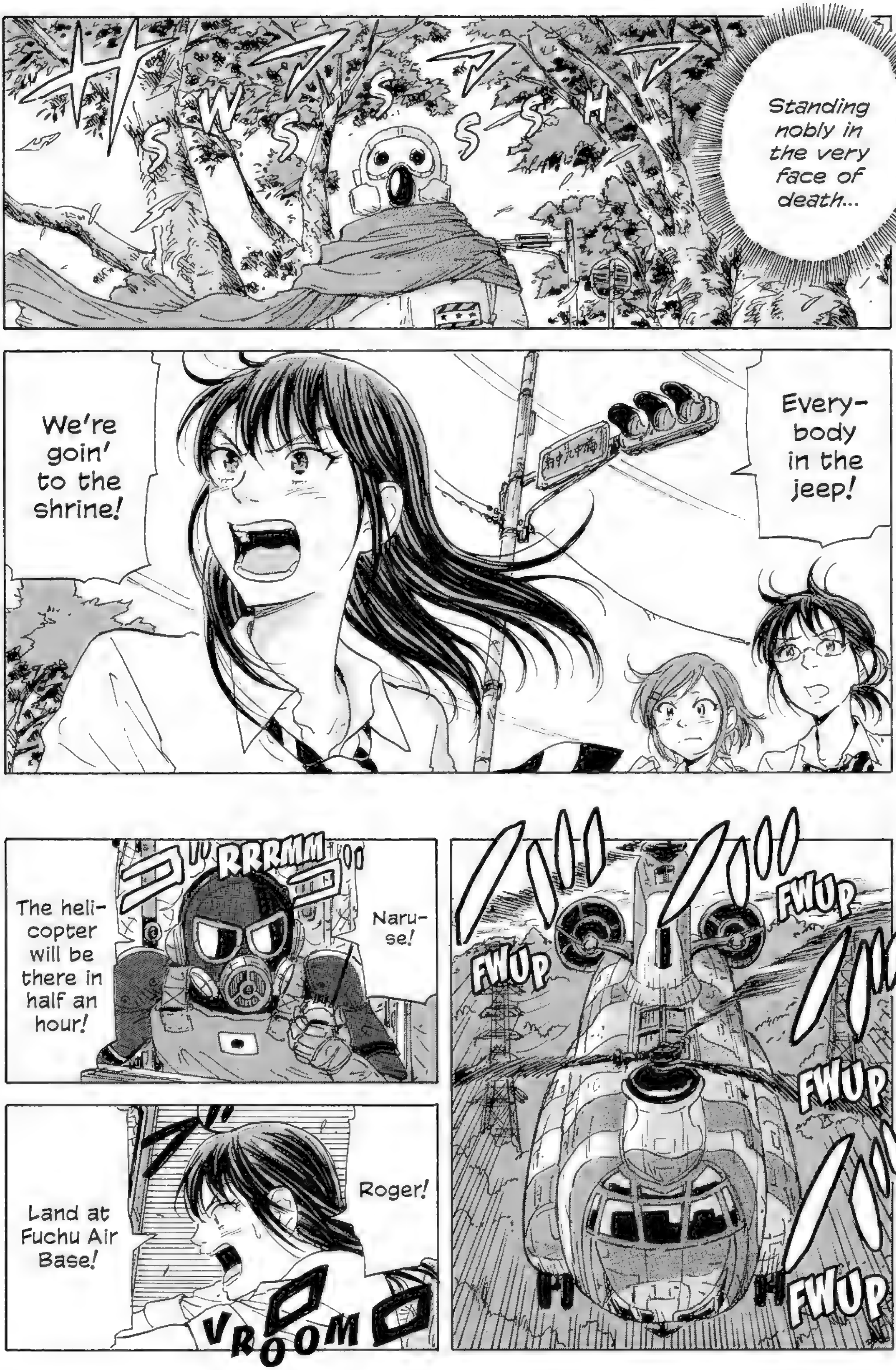

I'm ready to take responsibility for the accident.
I'll stand proud as a scientist.
CLENCH
I LEAVE THE REST TO YOU, KAMATA.
D... Doc?!
FAREWELL.
PSSHT
T...
Take responsibility? Does he mean ...?
We're goin' back!
Y-Yes!
SPLASH
What ...?!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
東京
TOKYO
Denjiro Shiba has disappeared?!

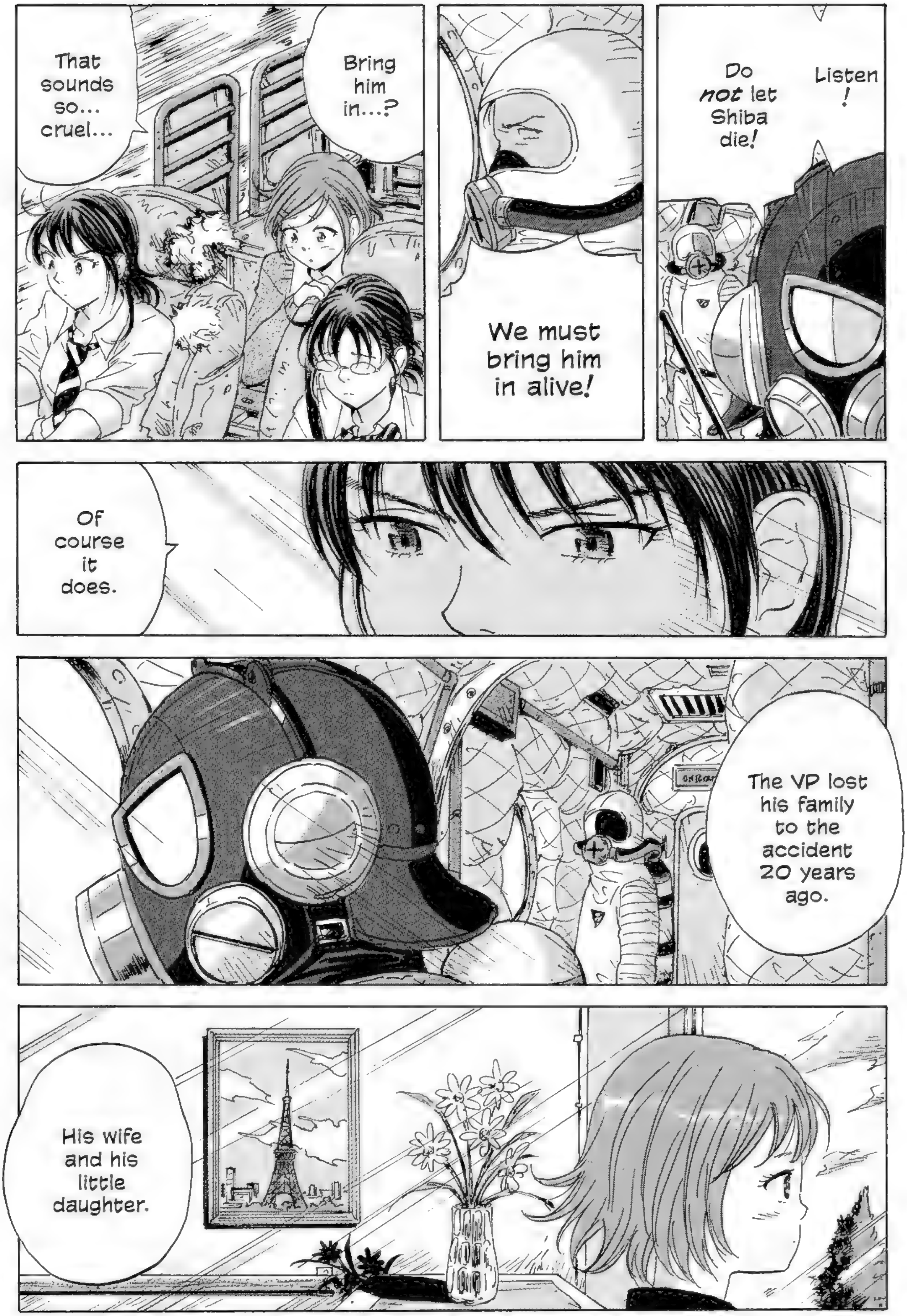

We're gonna find him!
Get the helicopter over here!
SKREEEEE
Aieeeee!
I- Ibara!
Could you, like, *slow down*?!
We shouldn't've left him alone...!
Crap...!
Everything keeps backfiring!
If... If by sacrificing Tokyo...
If that means...
...the rest of the world can be saved, then...

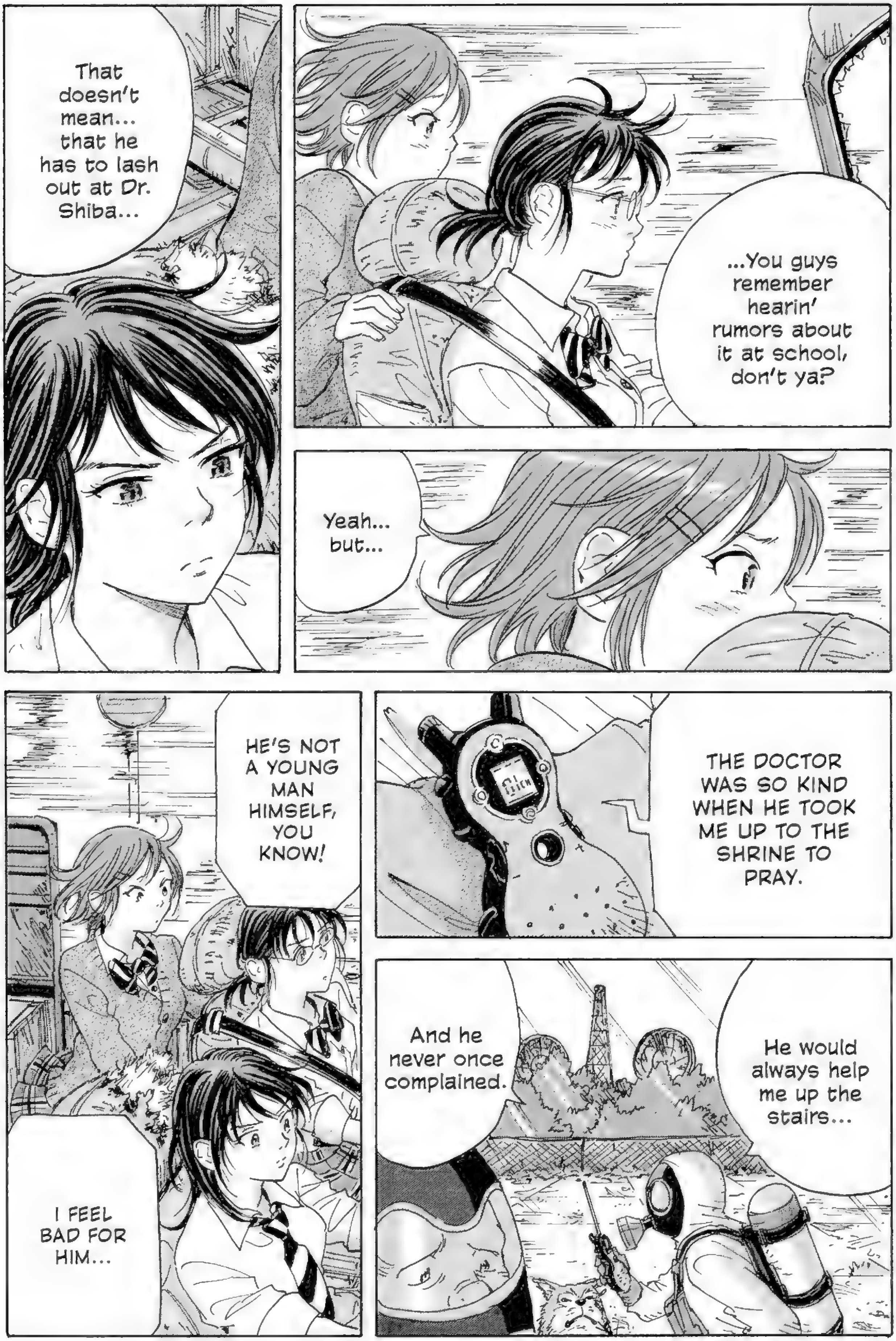

Screw that kinda world!
Remember that tasteless apple?!
That's what's waitin' at the end of *that* path!
We still have time!
It ain't over till it's over!
SKREE
We're here!
This's the intersection where we last saw 'im!
500
01-1912

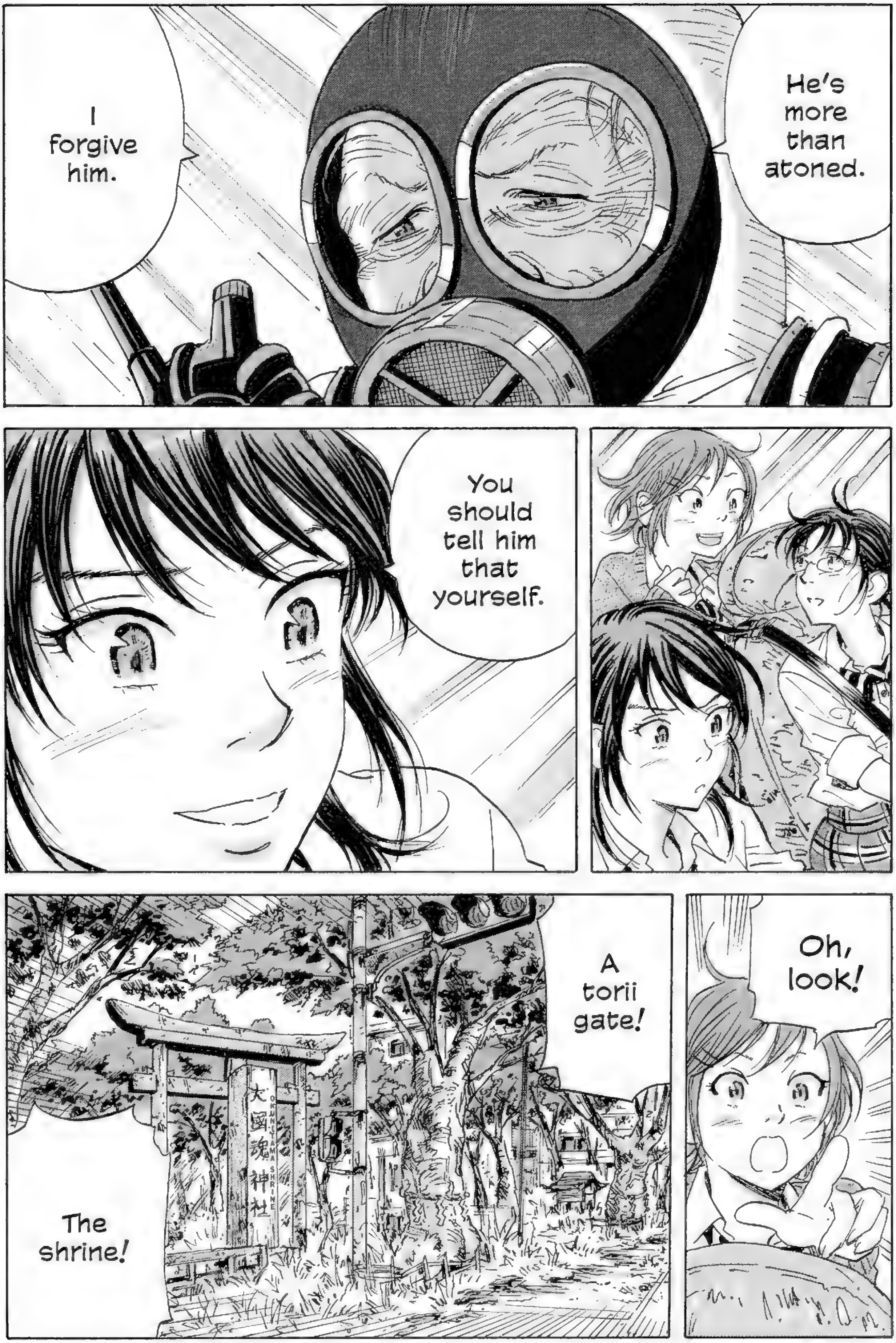

Doctor! Where are you ?!
Please come back!
No one blames you for what happened!
Dammit …
There's gotta be somethin' to tell us where he went!
01-191
BEEP GSSH
IT'S ME, KAMATA!
?!
AYAME WAS JUST TELLIN' ME SHE MIGHT KNOW SOMETHIN'!
What is it?!
Put her on!
I told the doctor somethin' once…
ガバッ FWAP
…when we were at the shrine!

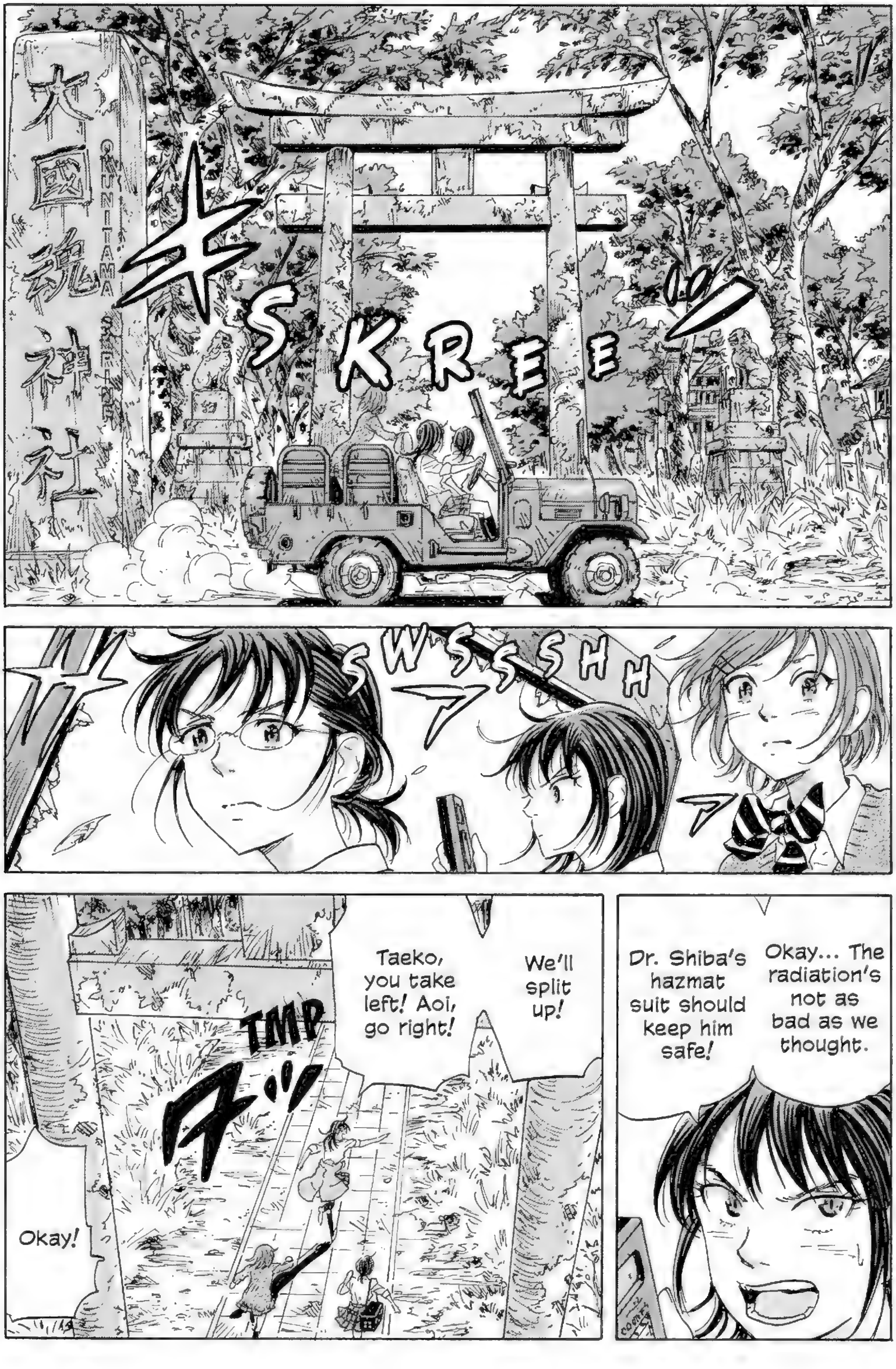

THE GREAT GOD THERE CREATED THIS PLACE—THE MUSASHI PROVINCE.
SSHア
サア SWSS
HE TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO FEED AND CLOTHE THEMSELVES, AND EVEN ABOUT MEDICINE AN' MAGIC.
And then I told him—
Isn't that just like you, Doctor?
And then the doctor said:
"Well! So I have a connection to this place, then!"
And then I—
So?!
Did that mean anythin' to you?!
!
Do you think...
...he might have gone to Okunitama Shrine...?!
You're like those elm trees.

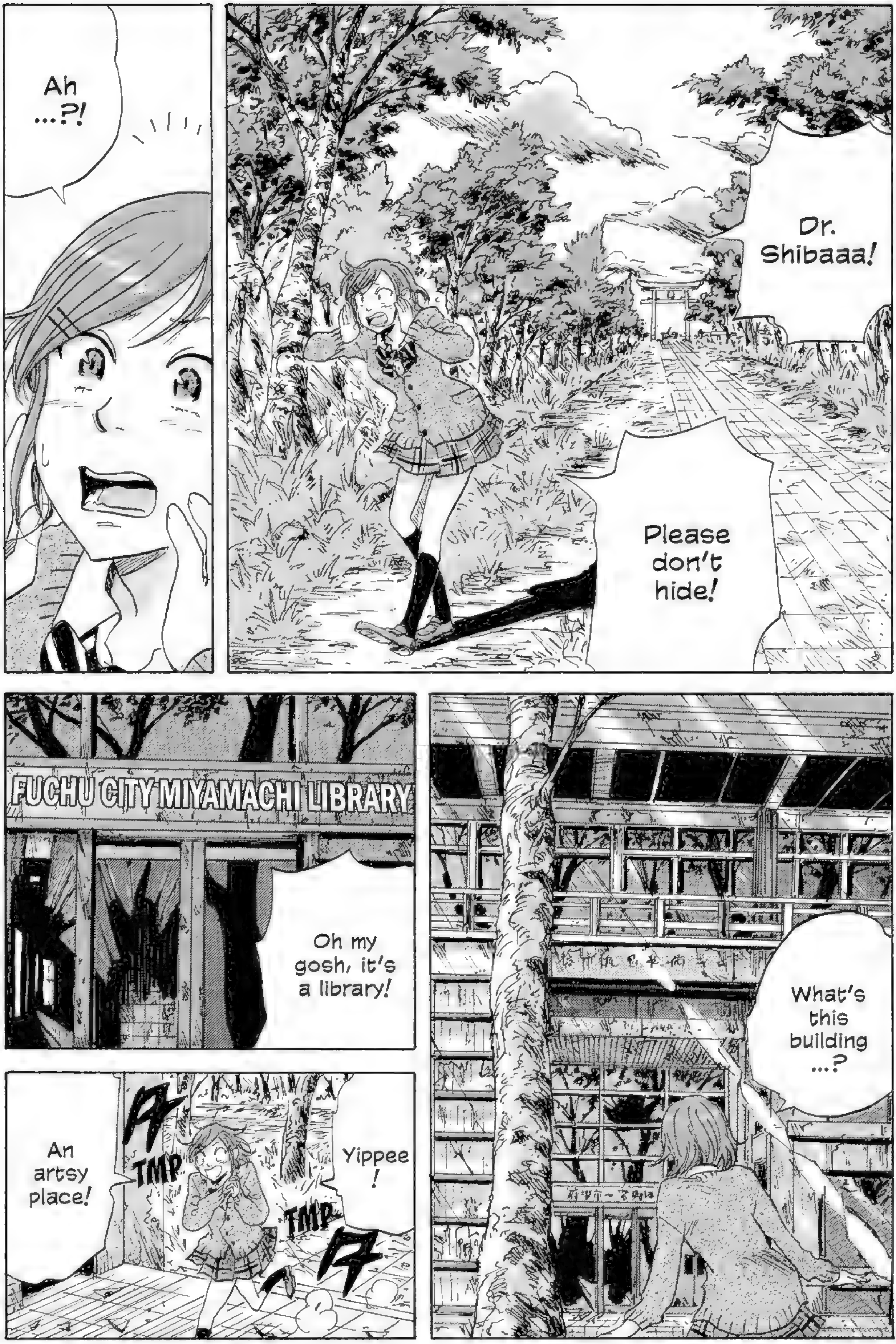

SWSSSH
Standing nobly in the very face of death...
Everybody in the jeep!
We're goin' to the shrine!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
RRRMM
Naruse!
The helicopter will be there in half an hour!
Roger!
Land at Fuchu Air Base!
VROOM

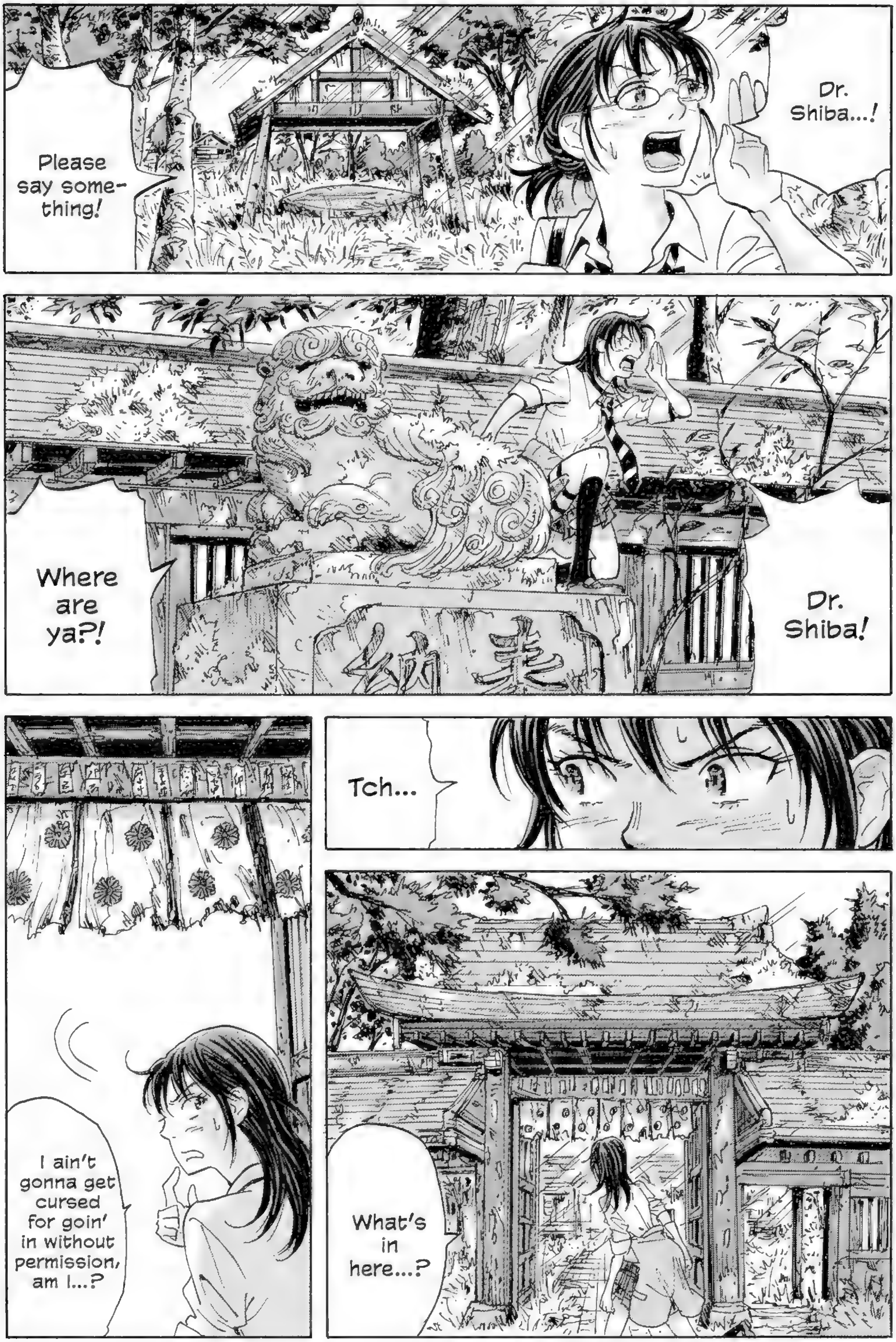

Listen!
Do *not* let Shiba die!
We must bring him in alive!
Bring him in...?
That sounds so... cruel...
Of course it does.
The VP lost his family to the accident 20 years ago.
His wife and his little daughter.

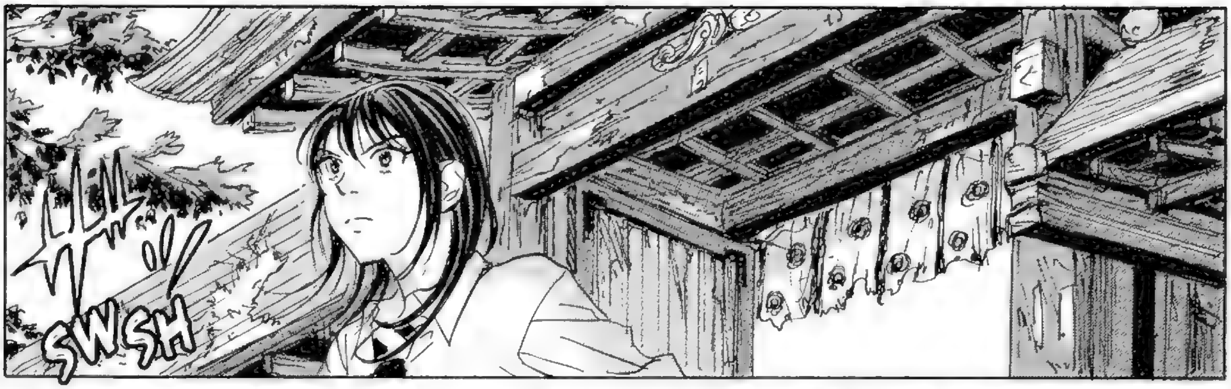

...You guys remember hearin' rumors about it at school, don't ya?
Yeah... but...
That doesn't mean... that he has to lash out at Dr. Shiba...
THE DOCTOR WAS SO KIND WHEN HE TOOK ME UP TO THE SHRINE TO PRAY.
He would always help me up the stairs...
And he never once complained.
HE'S NOT A YOUNG MAN HIMSELF, YOU KNOW!
I FEEL BAD FOR HIM...

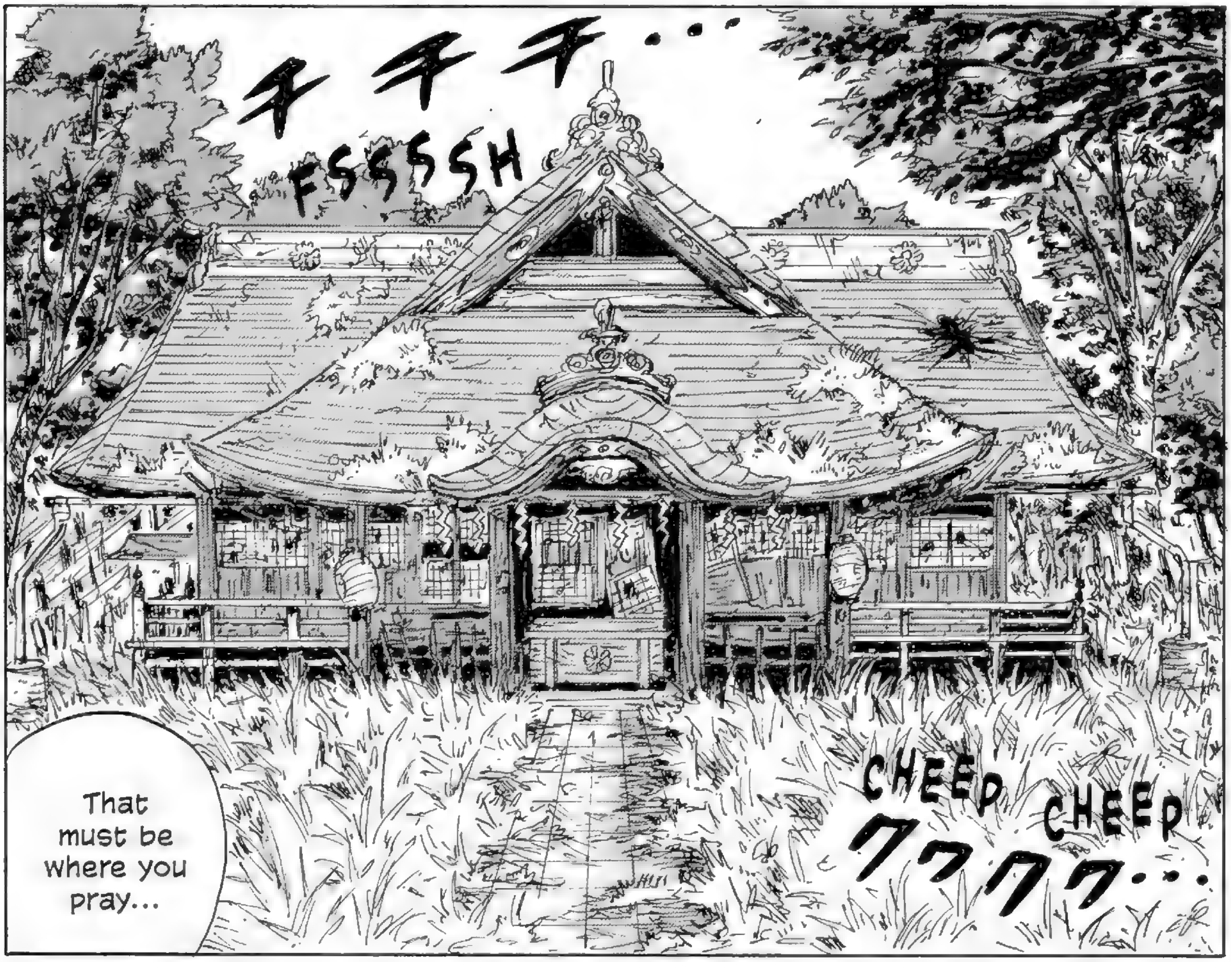

He's more than atoned.
I forgive him.
You should tell him that yourself.
Oh, look!
A torii gate!
The shrine!
大國魂神社
OKUNITAMA SHRINE

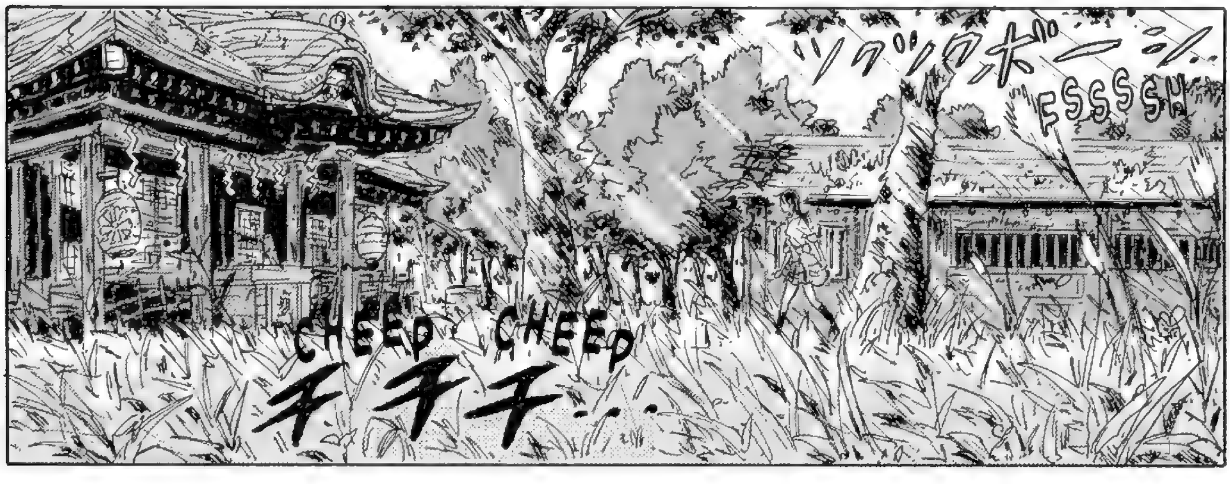

大國魂神社
OKUNITAMA SHRINE
SKREEE
SWSSSHH
Okay... The radiation's not as bad as we thought.
Dr. Shiba's hazmat suit should keep him safe!
We'll split up!
Taeko, you take left! Aoi, go right!
TMP
Okay!

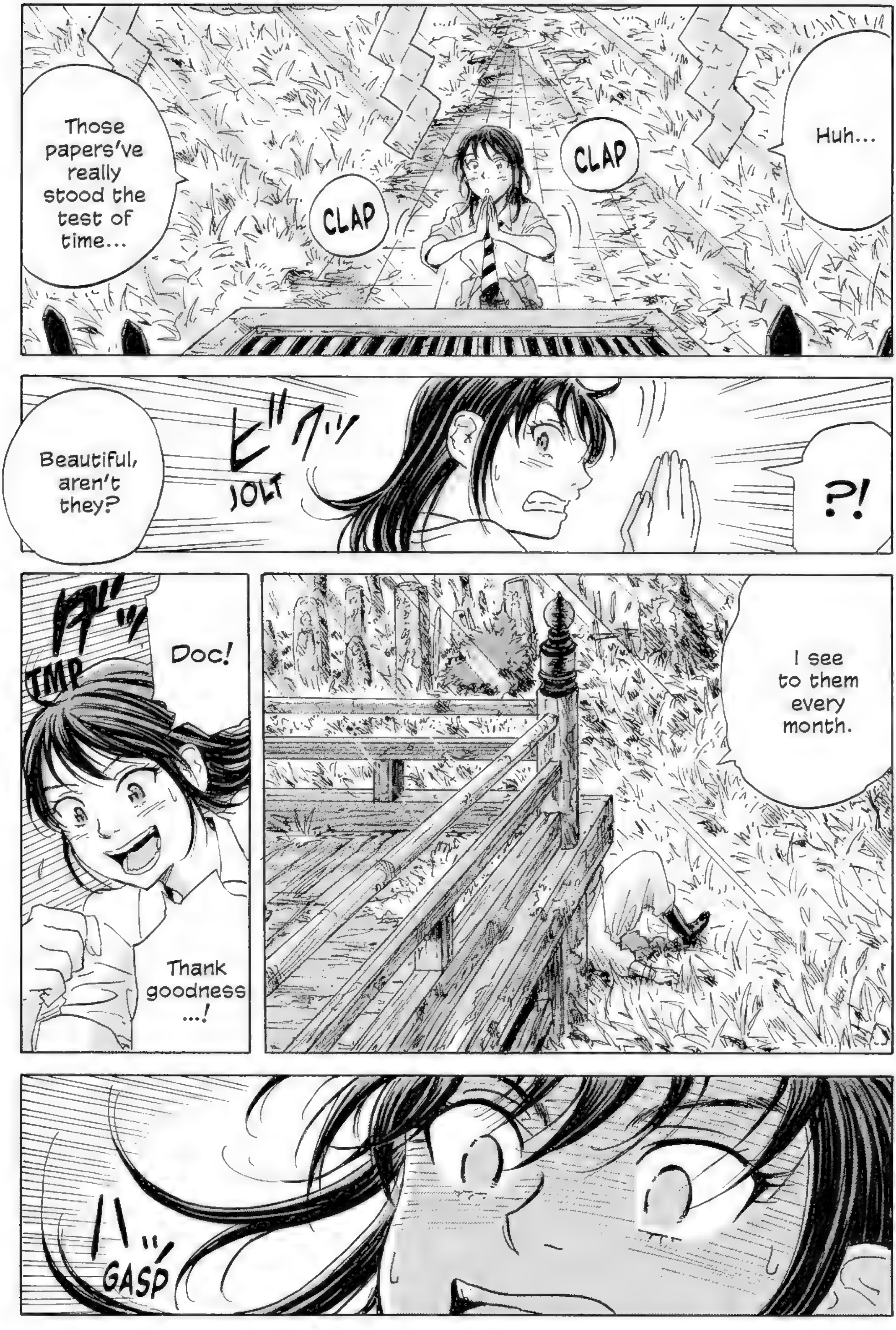

Dr. Shibaaa!
Please don't hide!
Ah ...?!
What's this building ...?
FUCHU CITY MIYAMACHI LIBRARY
Oh my gosh, it's a library!
Yippee!
TMP
TMP
An artsy place!

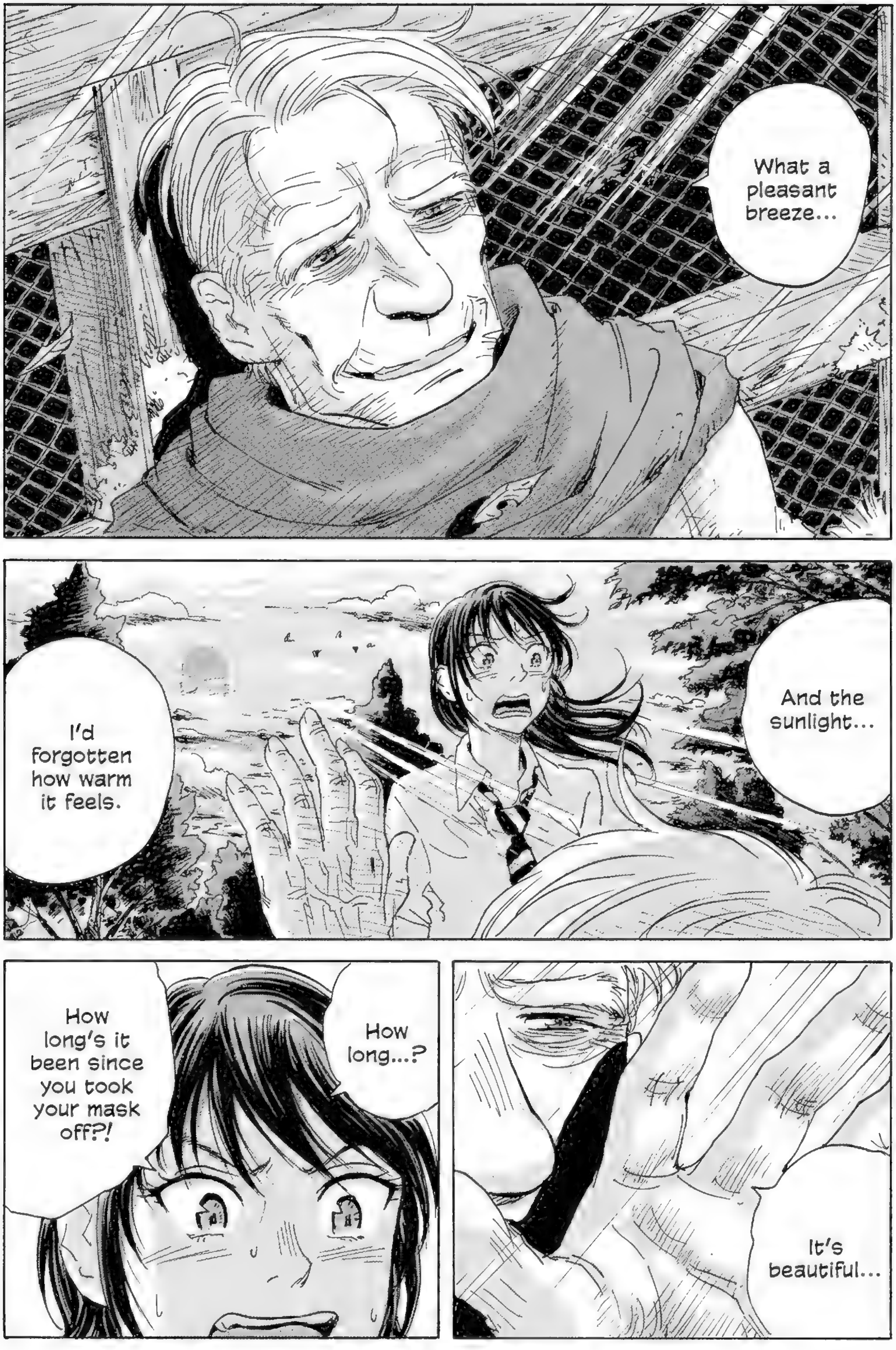

Dr. Shiba...!
Please say something!
Dr. Shiba!
Where are ya?!
Tch...
What's in here...?
I ain't gonna get cursed for goin' in without permission, am I...?

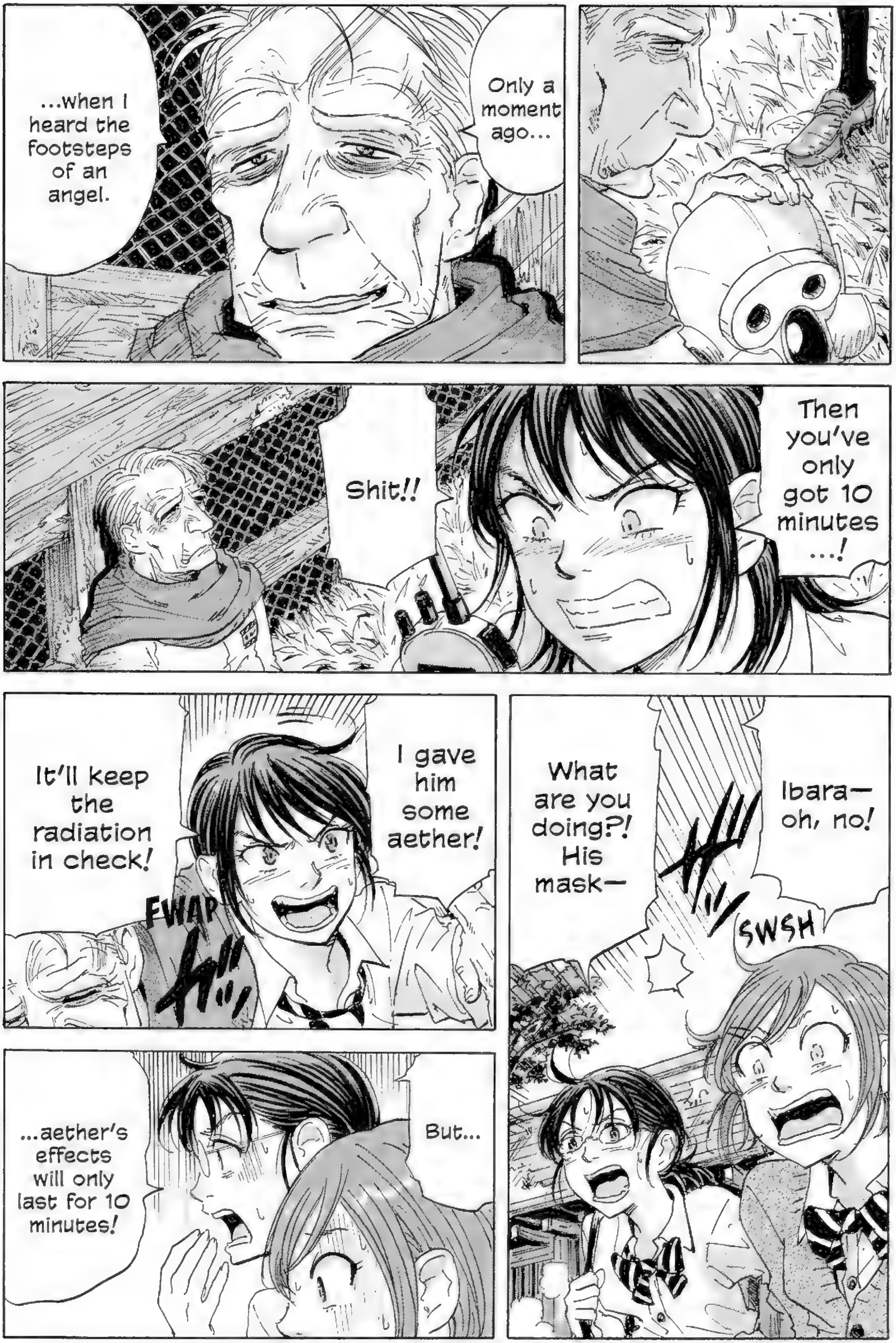

SWSH

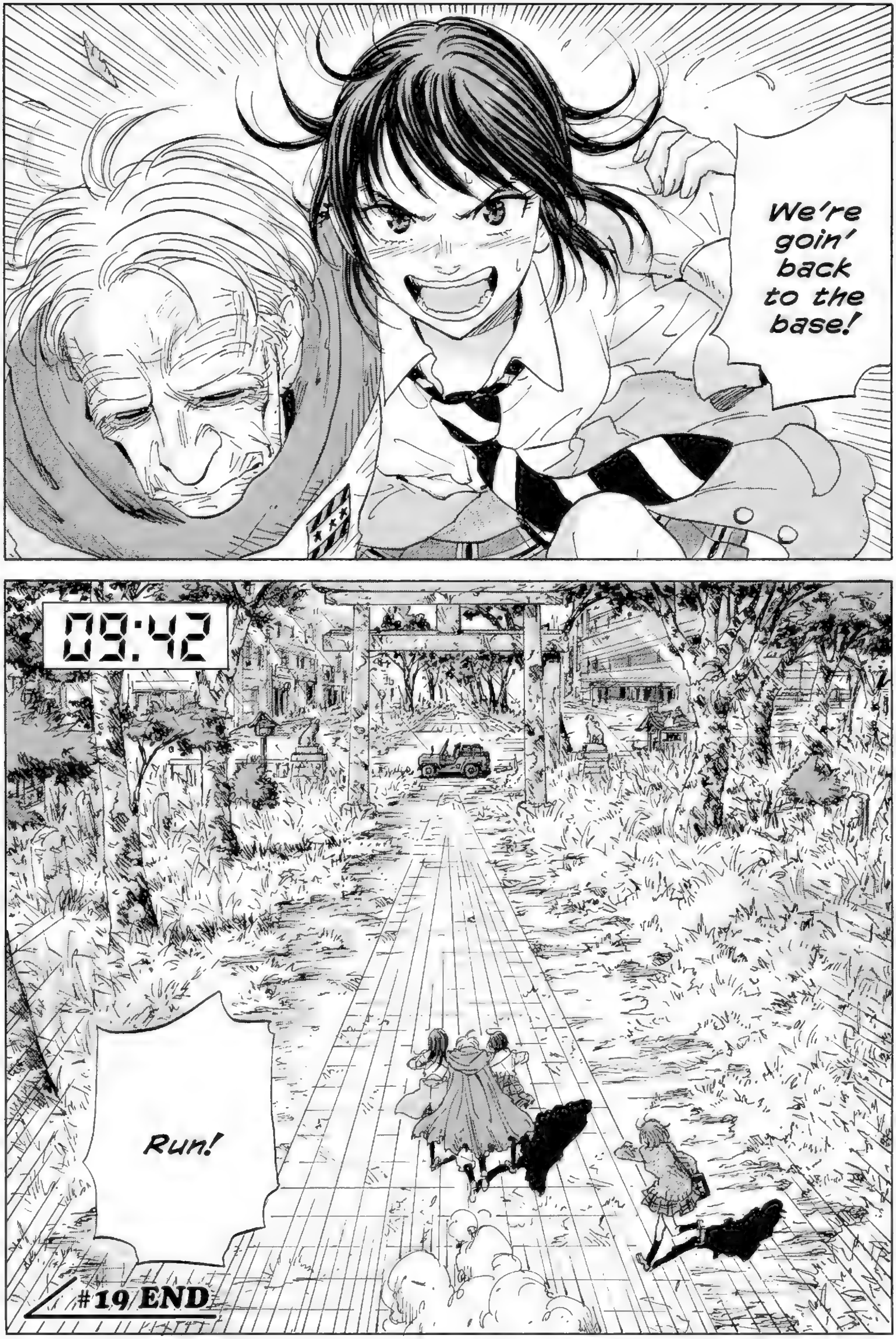

チチチ…
FSSSSH
CHEEP CHEEP
ククク…
That must be where you pray...

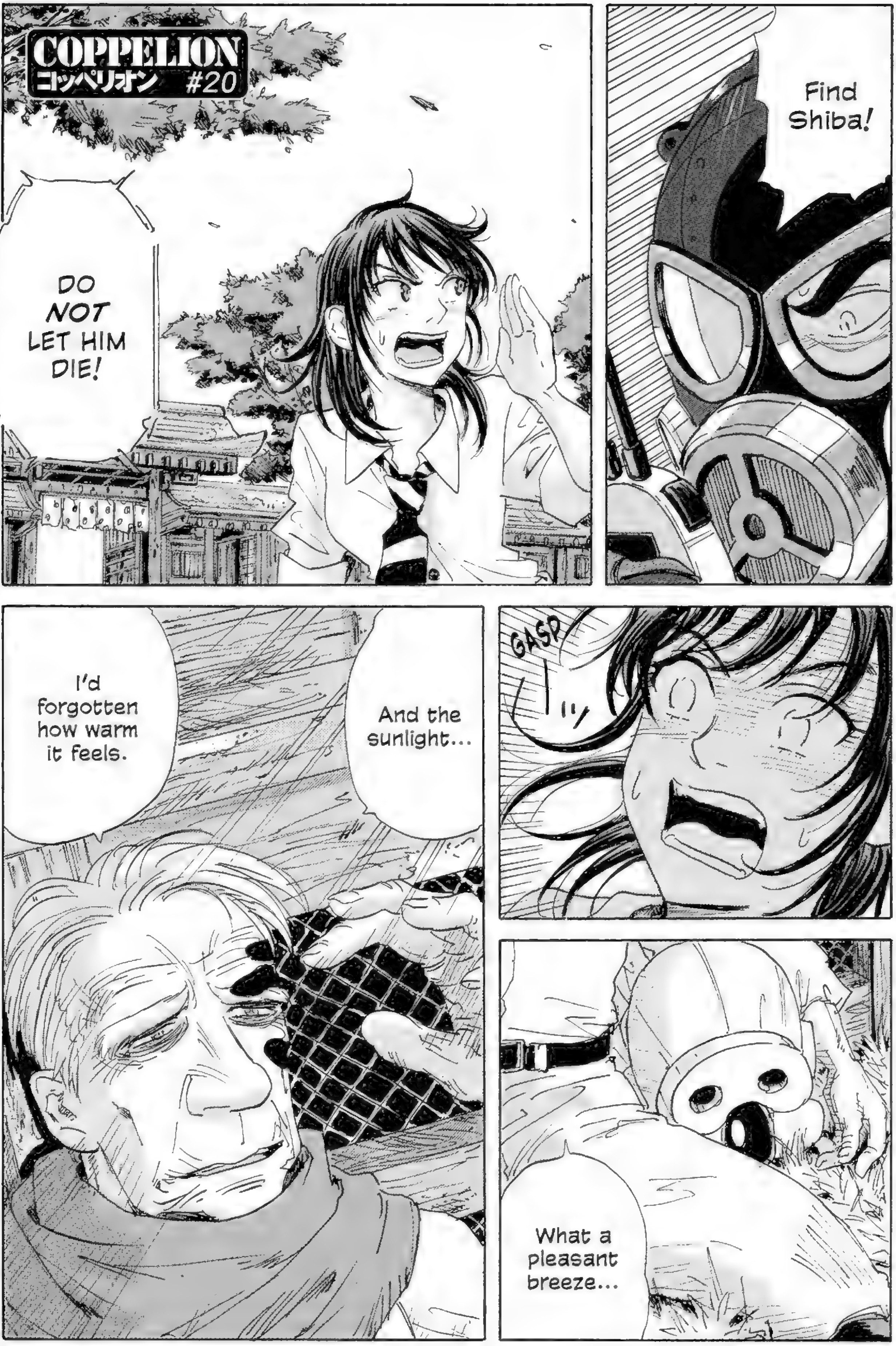

ツクツクボーシ…
FSSSSH
CHEEP CHEEP
チチチ…

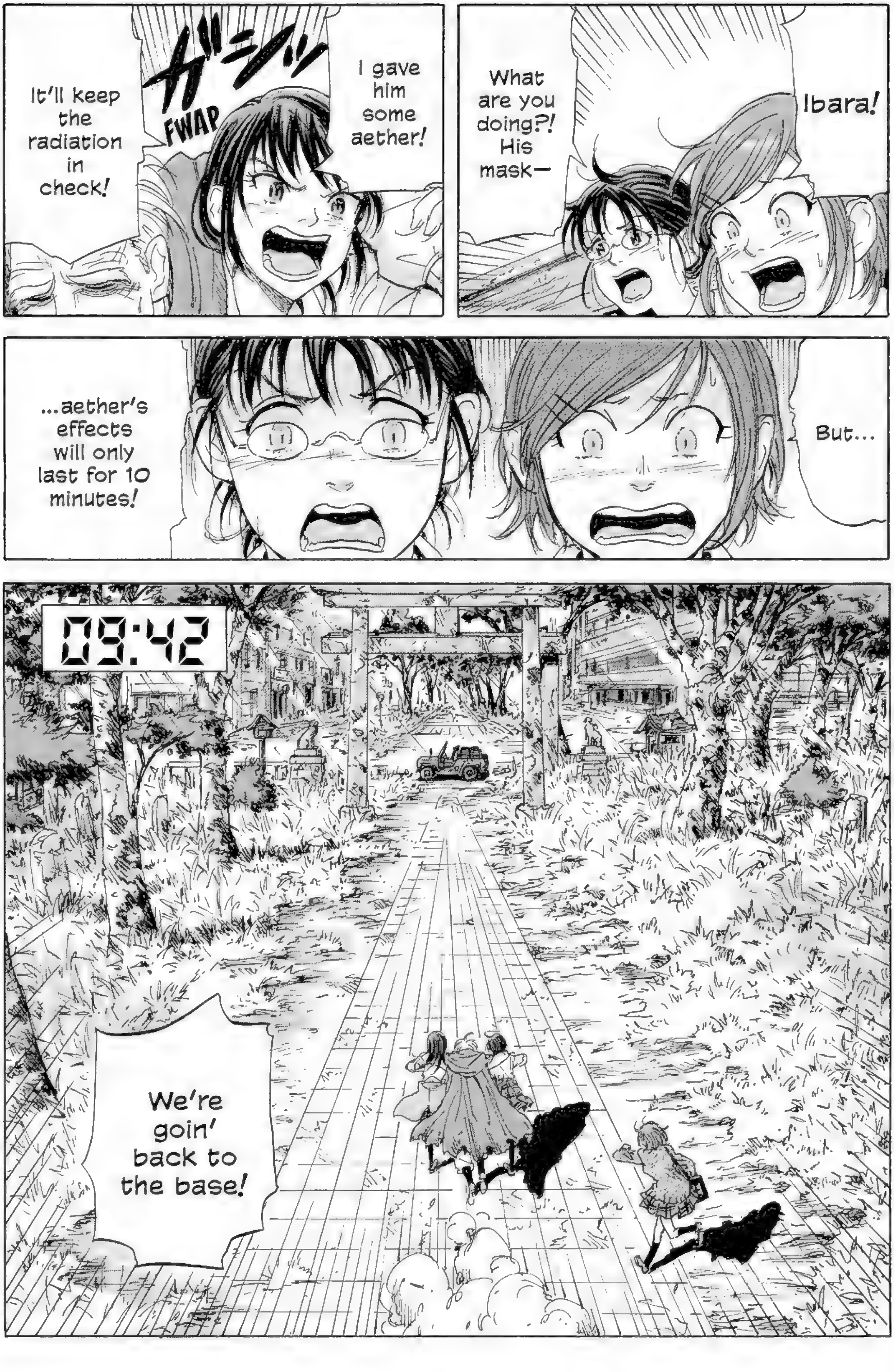

Huh...
CLAP
CLAP
Those papers've really stood the test of time...
?!
ビクッ
JOLT
Beautiful, aren't they?
I see to them every month.
Doc!
タッ
TMP
Thank goodness ...!
ハッ
GASP


What a pleasant breeze...
And the sunlight...
I'd forgotten how warm it feels.
It's beautiful...
How long...?
How long's it been since you took your mask off?!


Only a moment ago...
...when I heard the footsteps of an angel.
Then you've only got 10 minutes...!
Shit!!
Ibara—oh, no!
What are you doing?! His mask—
SWSH
I gave him some aether!
It'll keep the radiation in check!
FWAP
But...
...aether's effects will only last for 10 minutes!


We're goin' back to the base!
09:42
Run!
#19 END


COPPELION
コッペリオン #20
Find Shiba!
DO *NOT* LET HIM DIE!
GASP
What a pleasant breeze...
And the sunlight...
I'd forgotten how warm it feels.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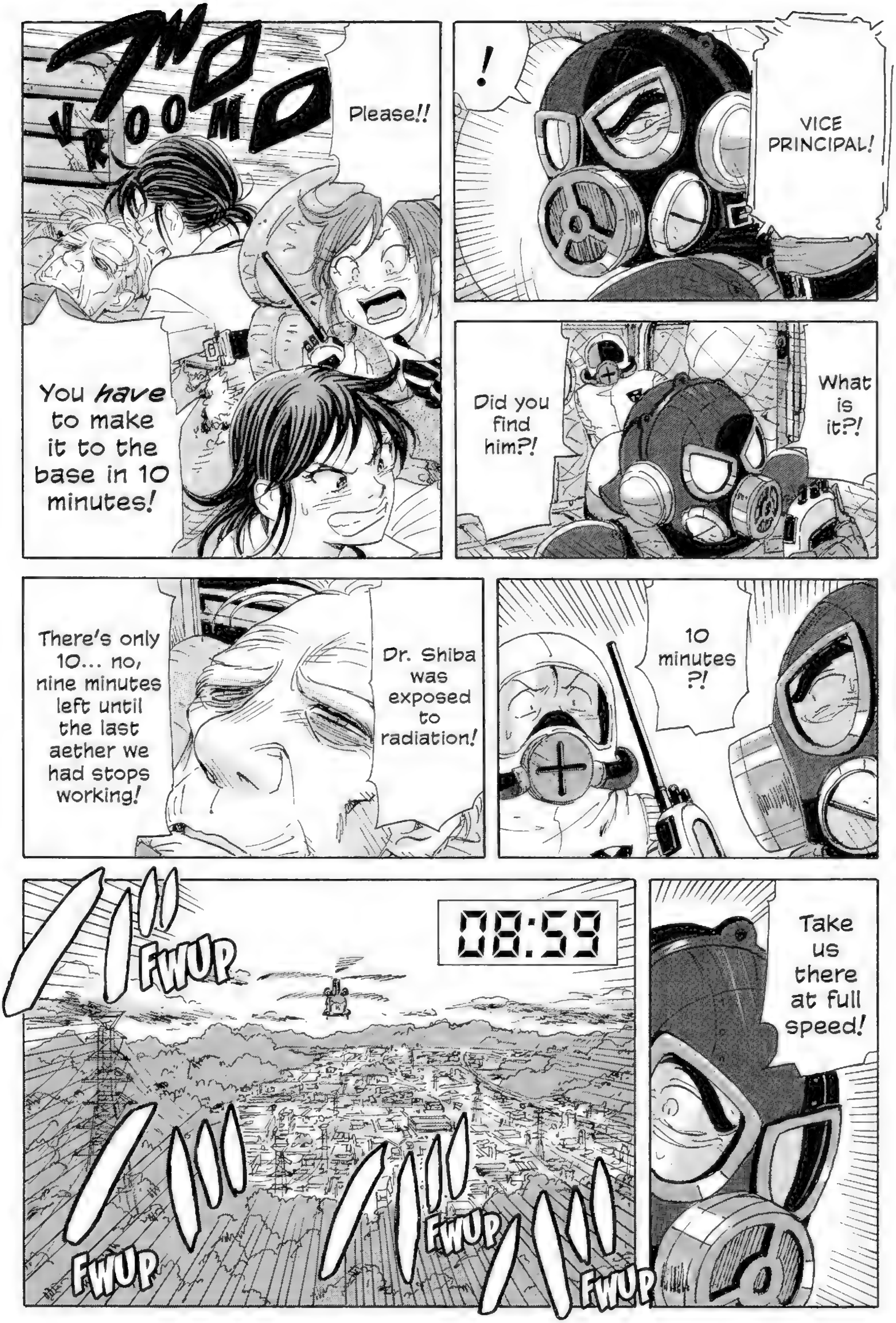
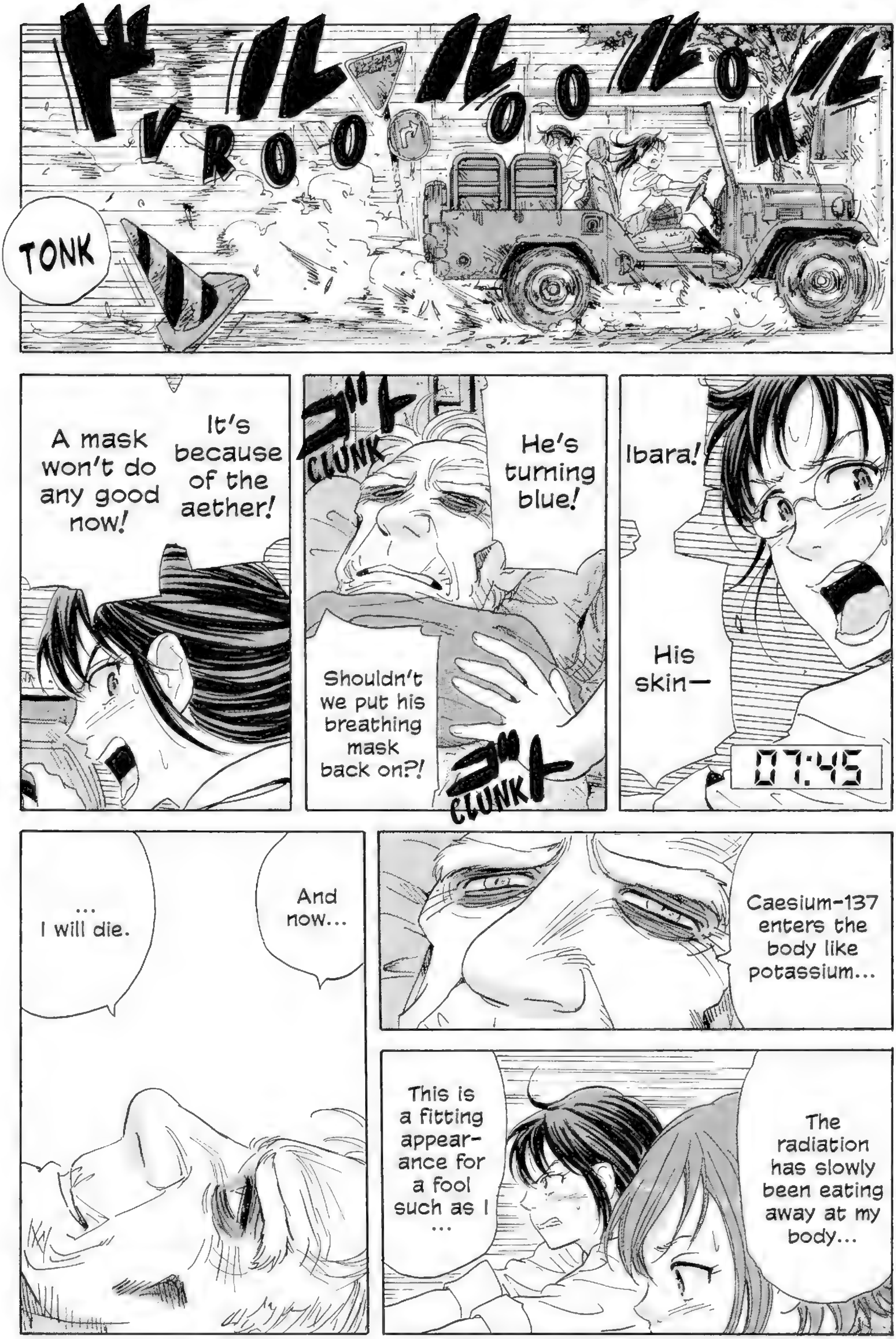
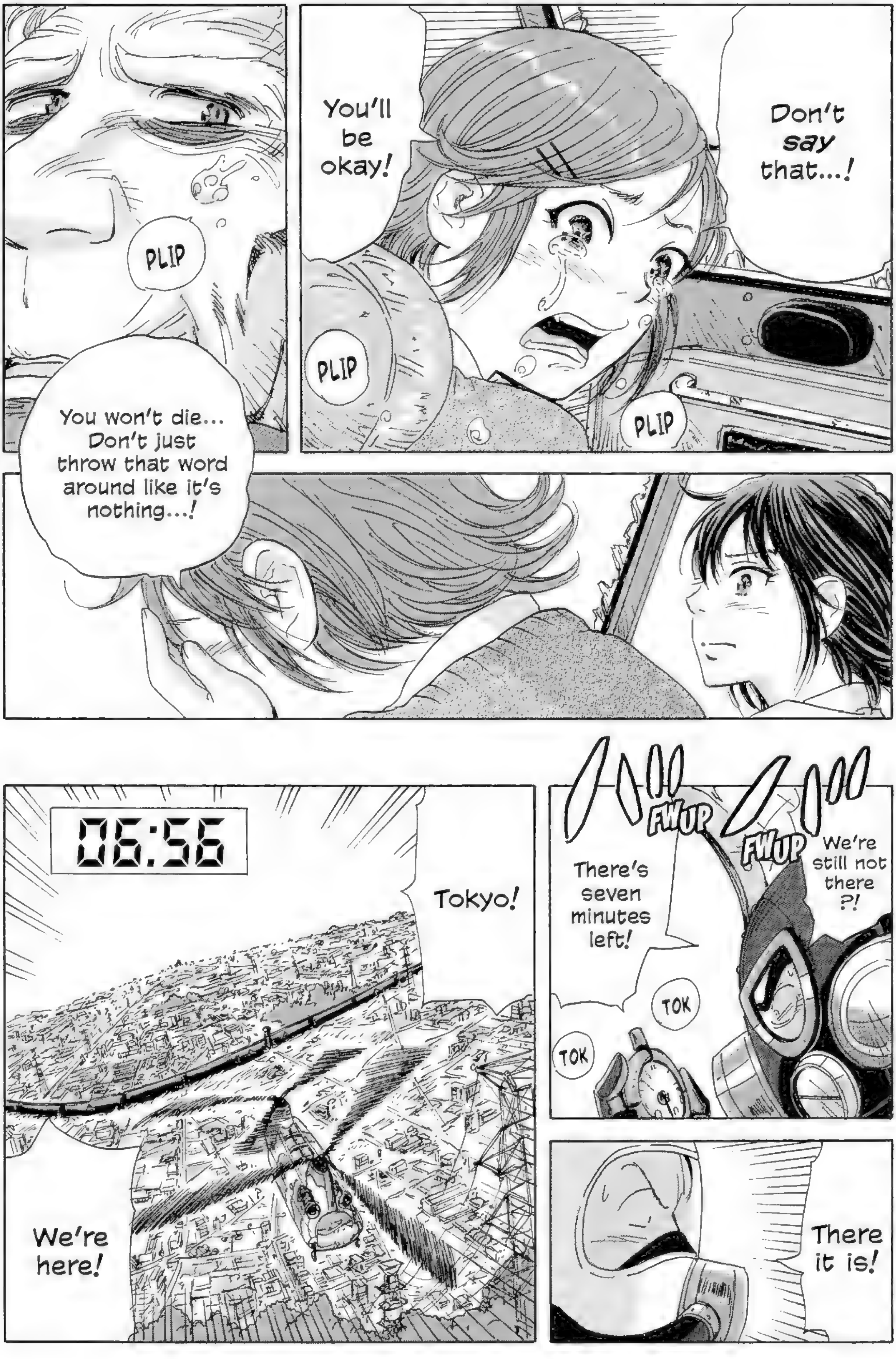
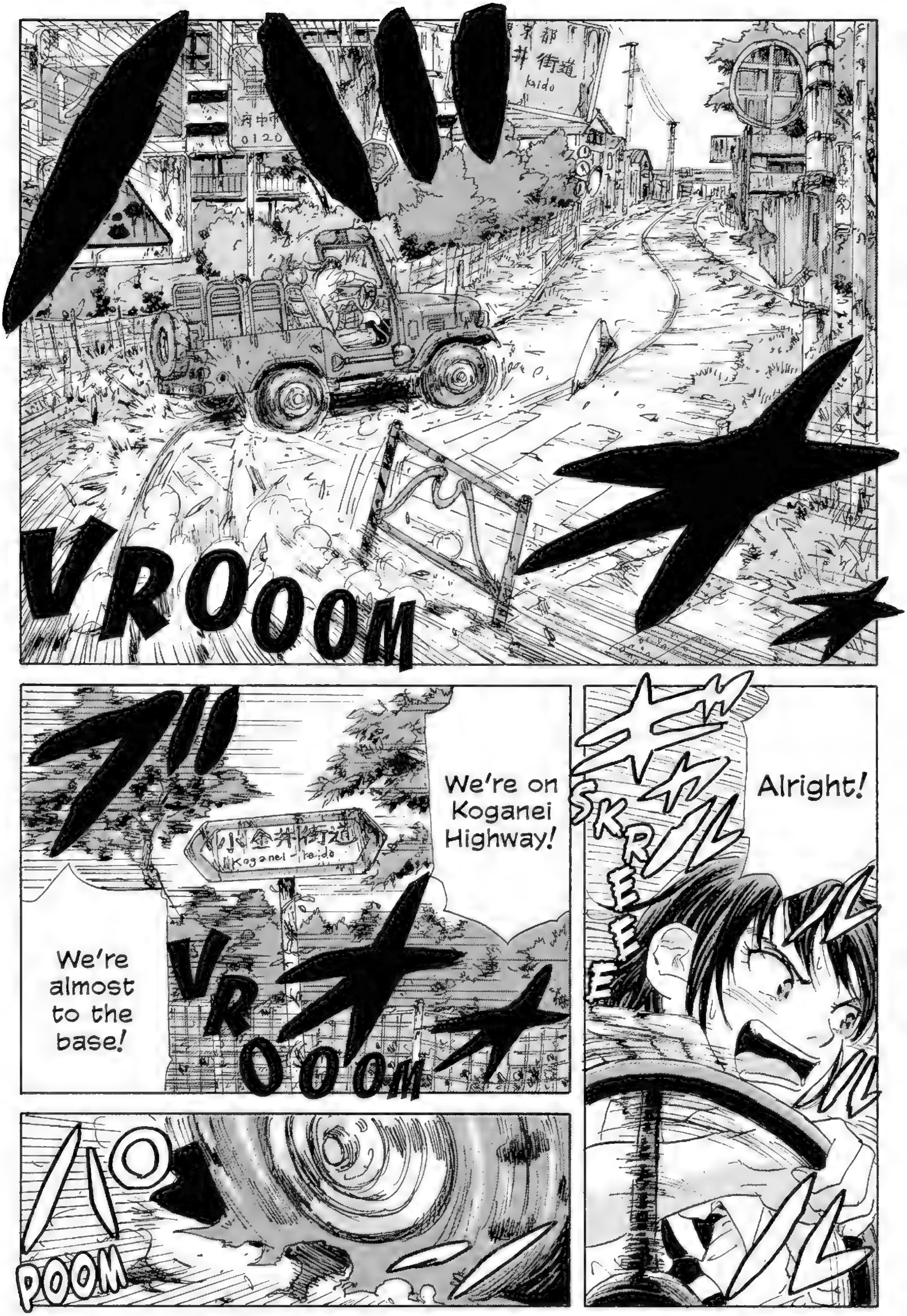
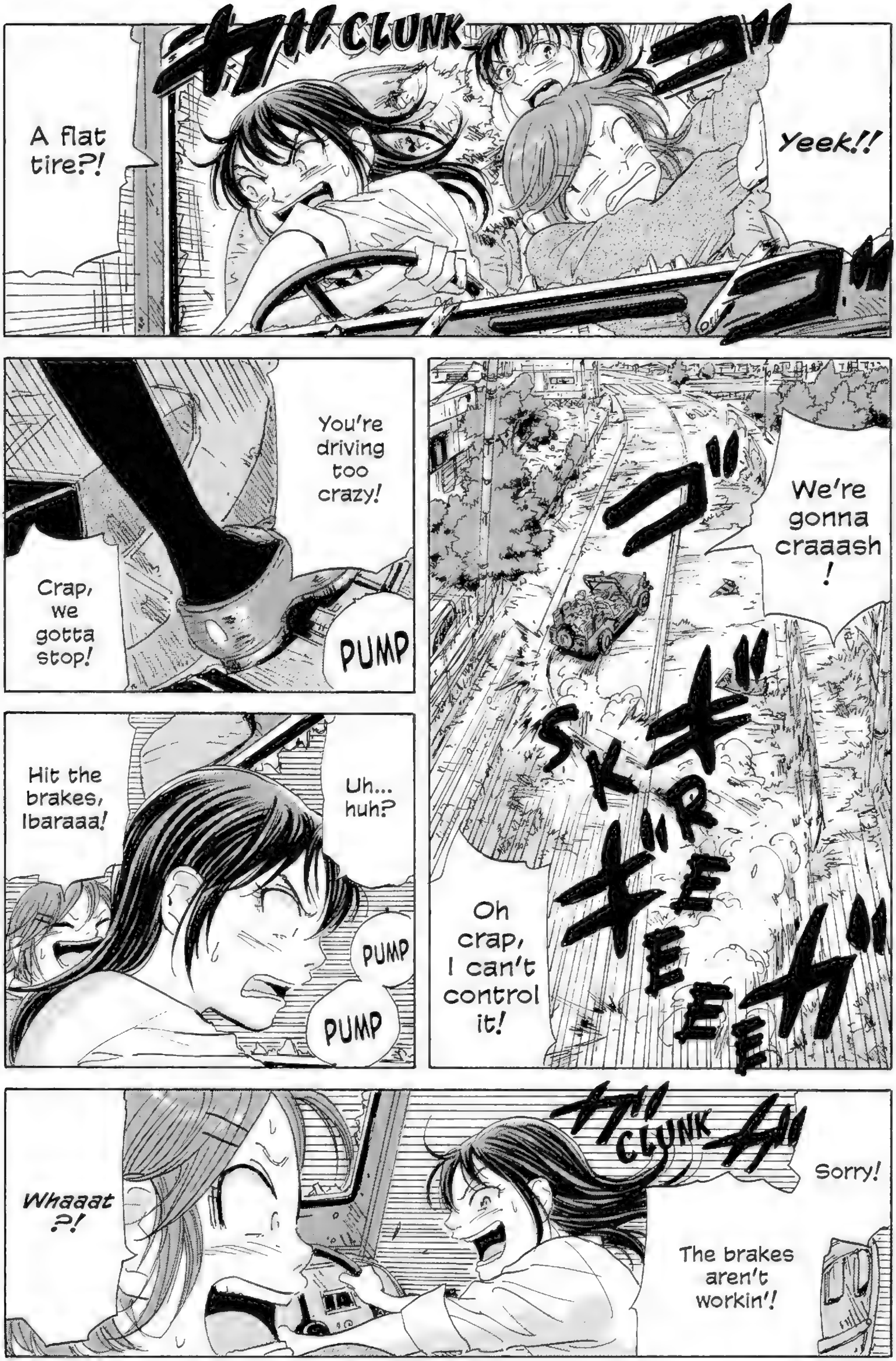
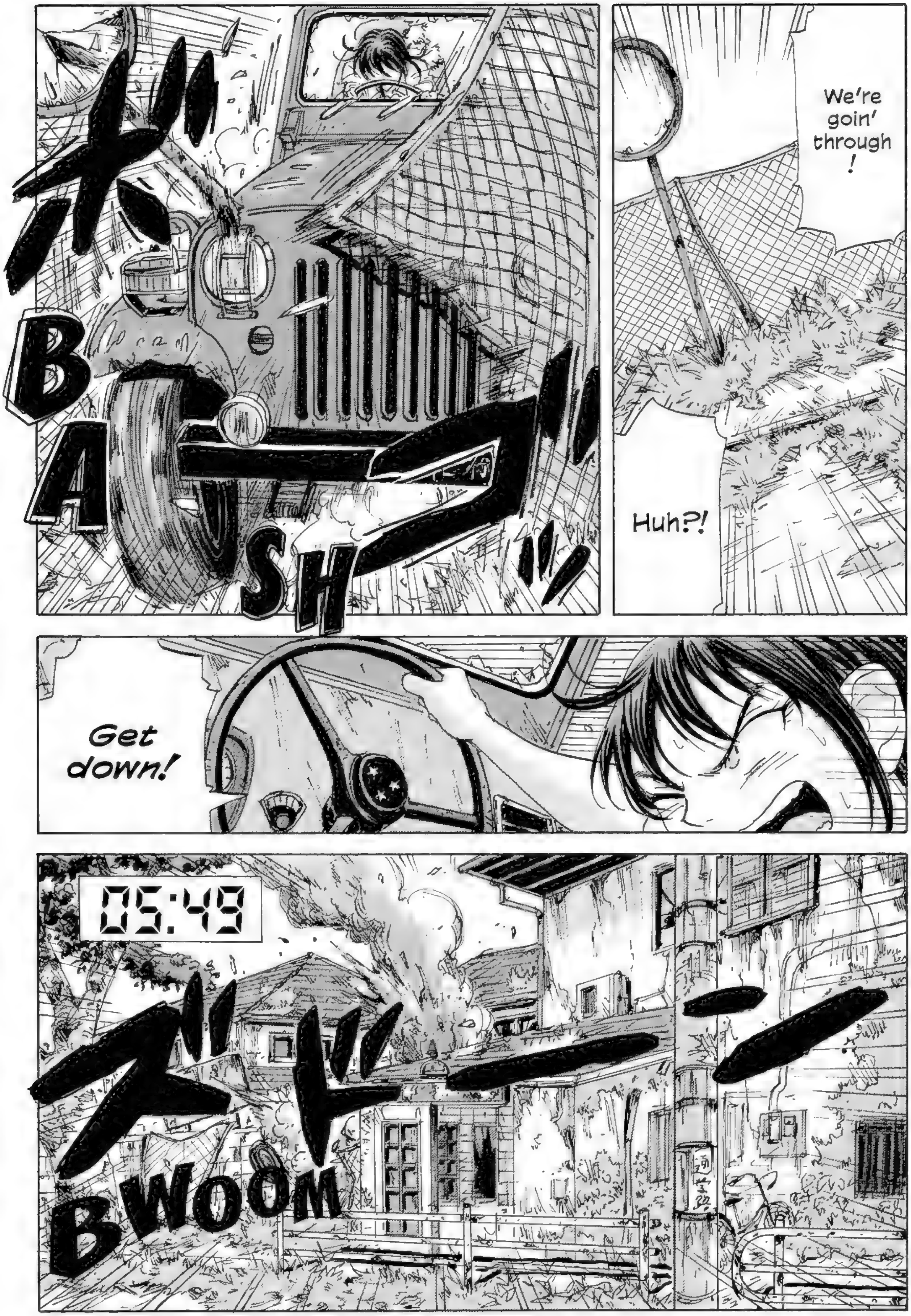

!
VICE PRINCIPAL!
What is it?!
Did you find him?!
VROOOM
Please!!
You *have* to make it to the base in 10 minutes!
10 minutes?!
Dr. Shiba was exposed to radiation!
There's only 10... no, nine minutes left until the last aether we had stops working!
Take us there at full speed!
08:59
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP

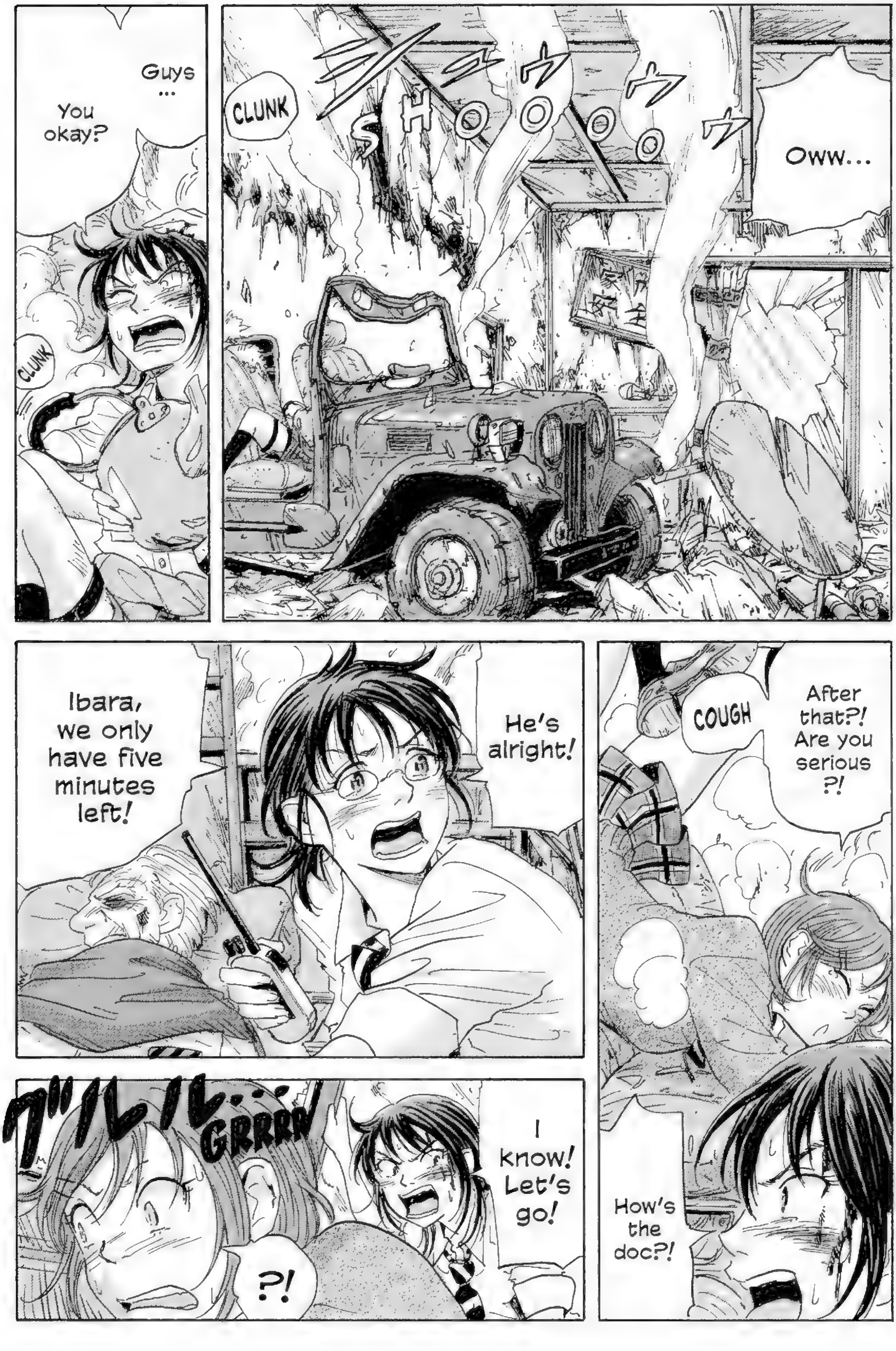

VROOOOOM
TONK
Ibara!
His skin—
07:45
He's turning blue!
CLUNK
Shouldn't we put his breathing mask back on?!
CLUNK
It's because of the aether!
A mask won't do any good now!
Caesium-137 enters the body like potassium...
The radiation has slowly been eating away at my body...
This is a fitting appearance for a fool such as I ...
And now...
... I will die.

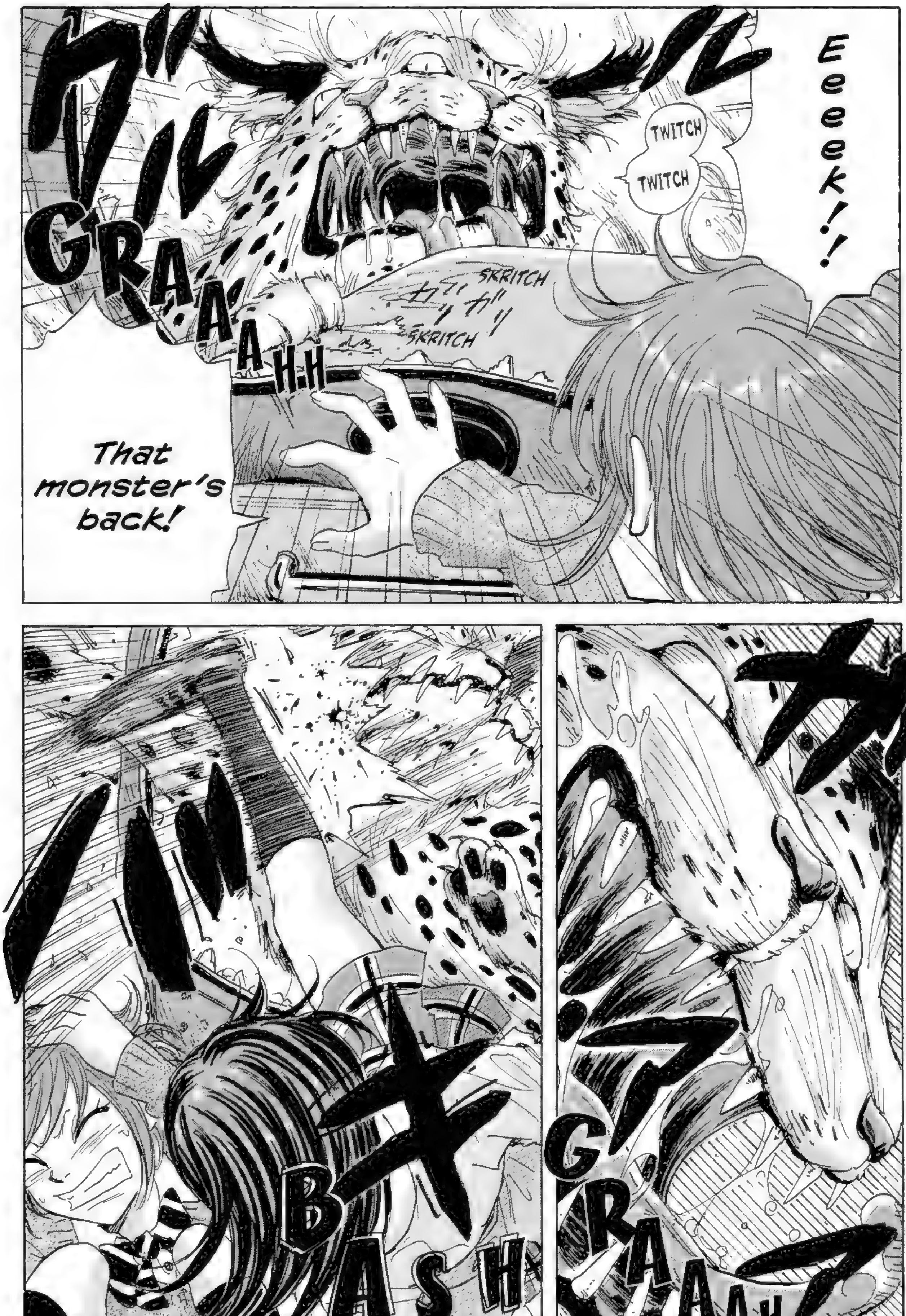

Don't *say* that...!
You'll be okay!
PLIP
PLIP
PLIP
You won't die... Don't just throw that word around like it's nothing...!
FWUP
FWUP
We're still not there?!
There's seven minutes left!
TOK
TOK
06:56
Tokyo!
We're here!
There it is!

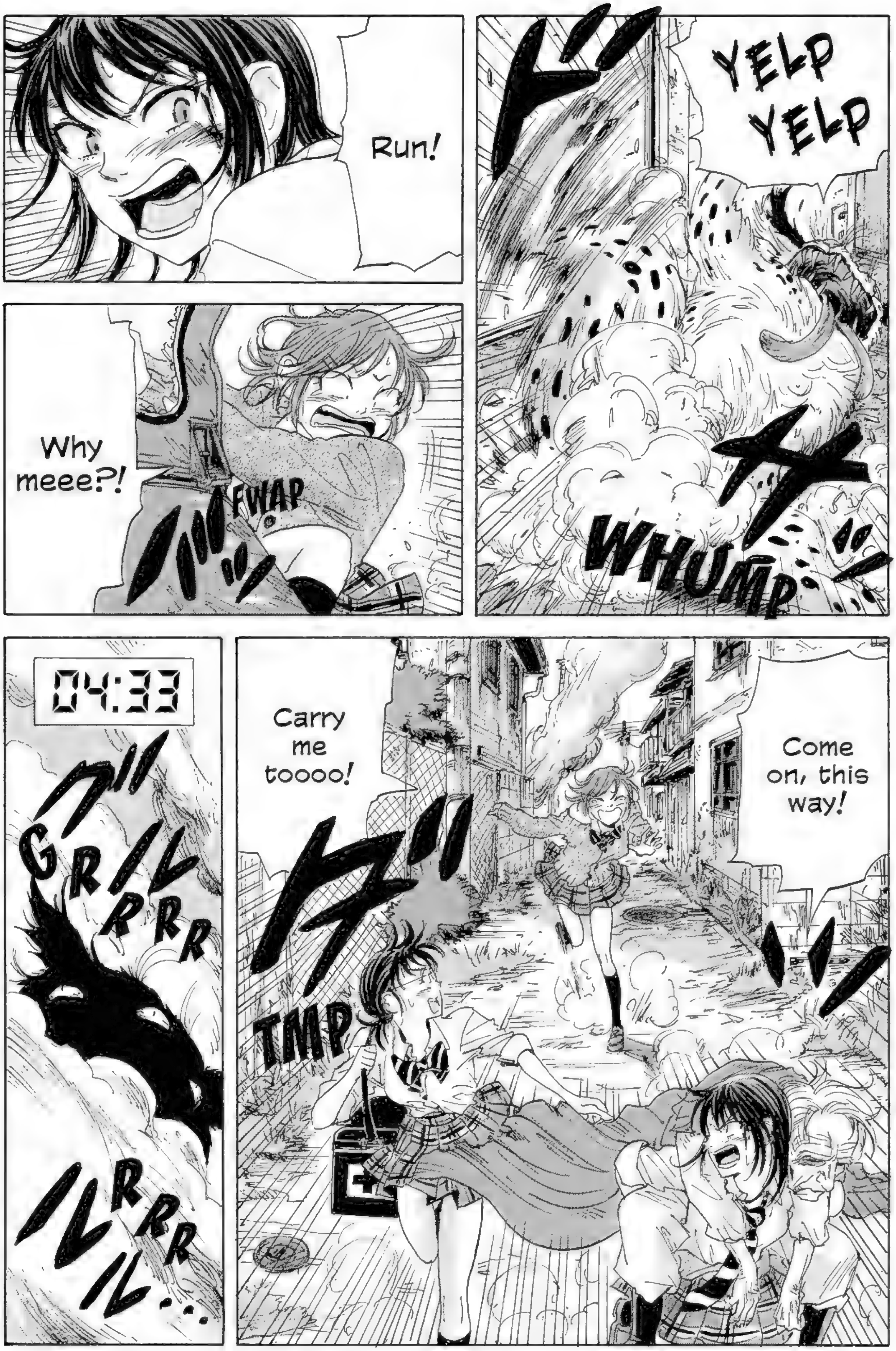

VROOOM
小金井街道
Koganei-kaido
We're on Koganei Highway!
We're almost to the base!
VROOOM
Alright!
SKREEEE
POOM

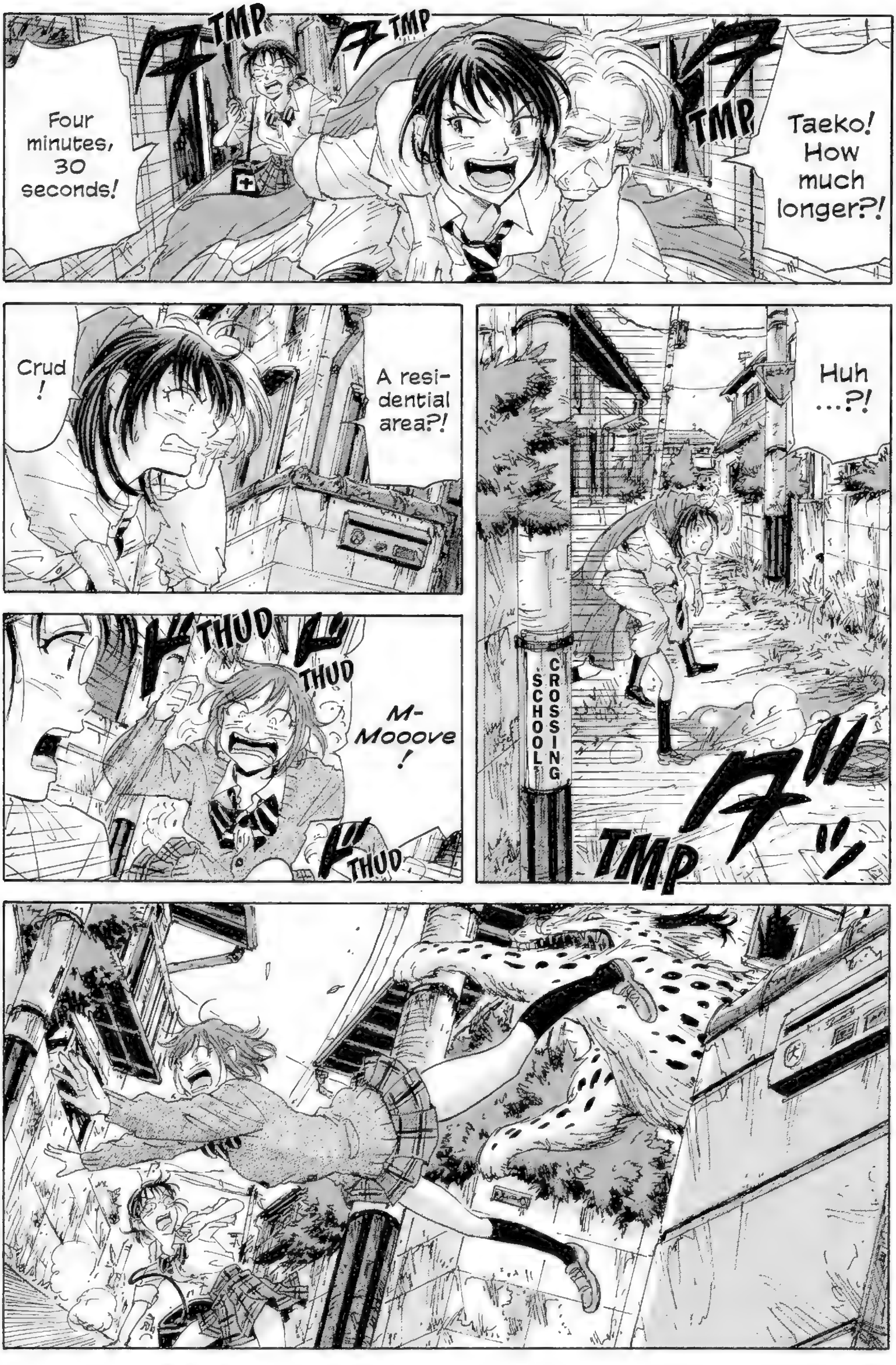

Yeek!!
CLUNK
A flat tire?!
We're gonna craaash!
SKREEEEEE
Oh crap, I can't control it!
You're driving too crazy!
Crap, we gotta stop!
PUMP
Uh... huh?
Hit the brakes, Ibaraaa!
PUMP
PUMP
CLUNK
Sorry!
The brakes aren't workin'!
Whaaat?!

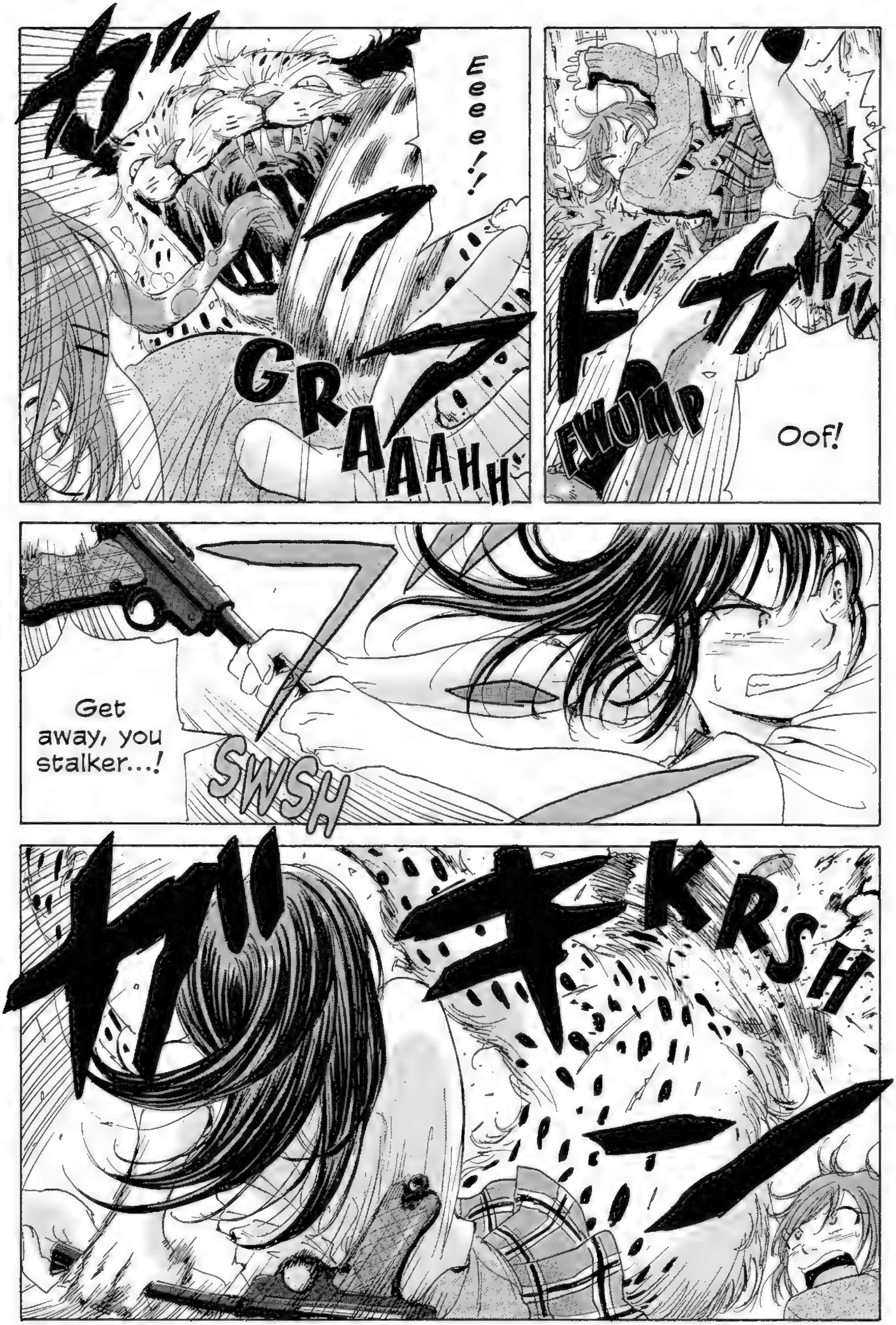

We're goin' through!
Huh?!
BASH
Get down!
05:49
BWOOM

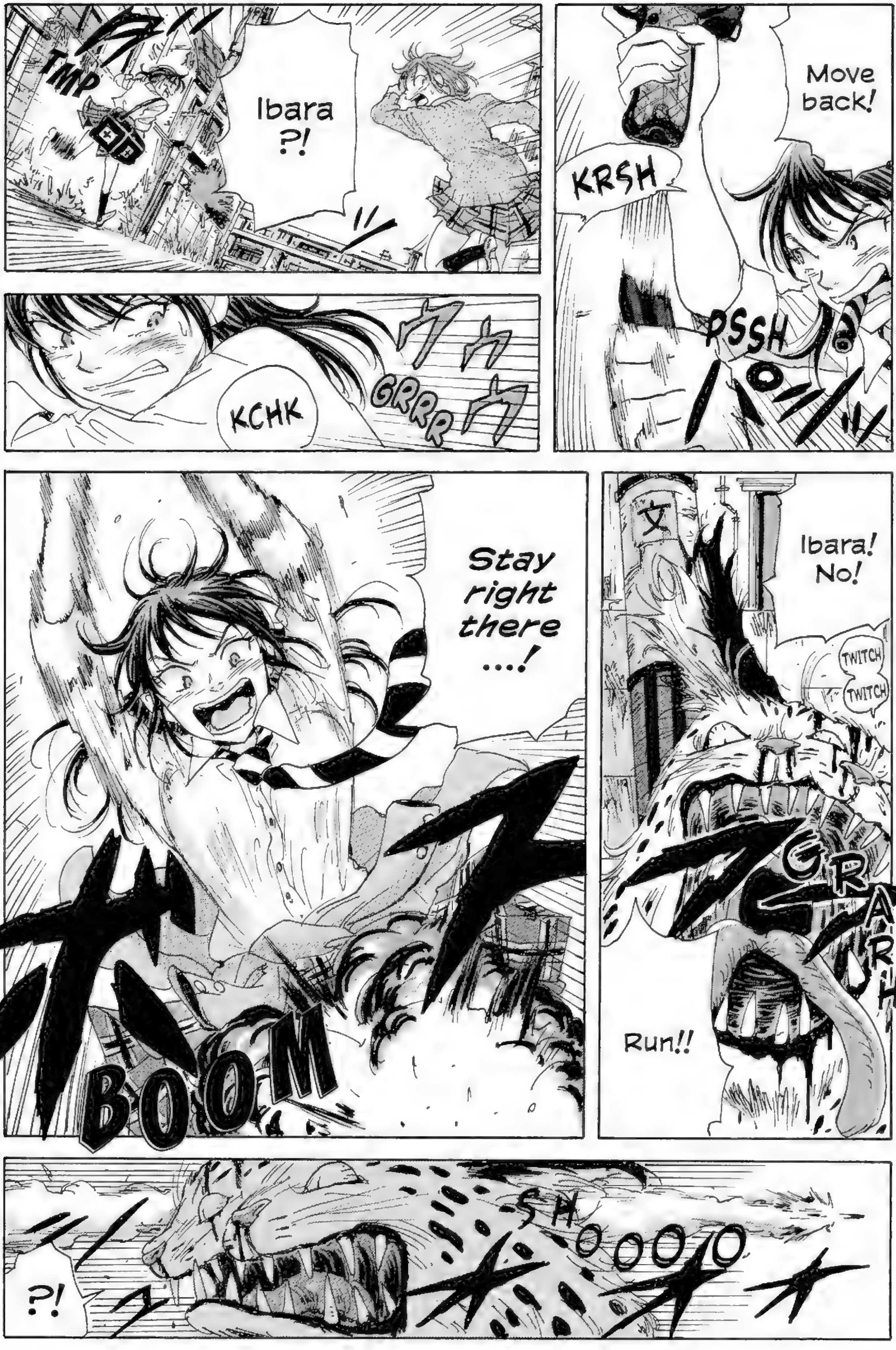

Oww...
SHOOOO
CLUNK
Guys... You okay?
CLUNK
COUGH
After that?! Are you serious?!
How's the doc?!
He's alright!
Ibara, we only have five minutes left!
I know! Let's go!
GRRRR
?!

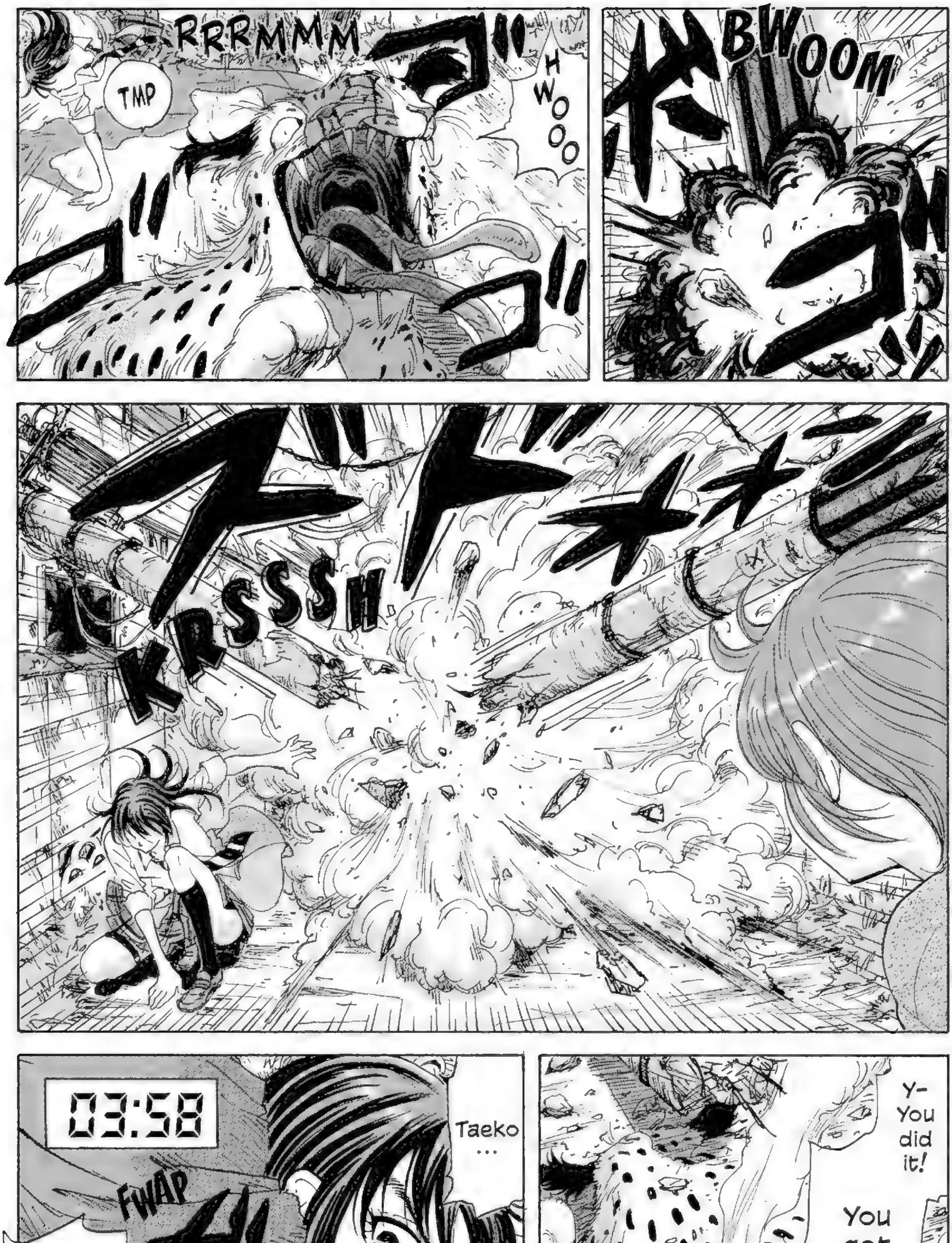

Eeeek!!
TWITCH
TWITCH
GRAAAAHH
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
That monster's back!
GRAAAAH
BASH

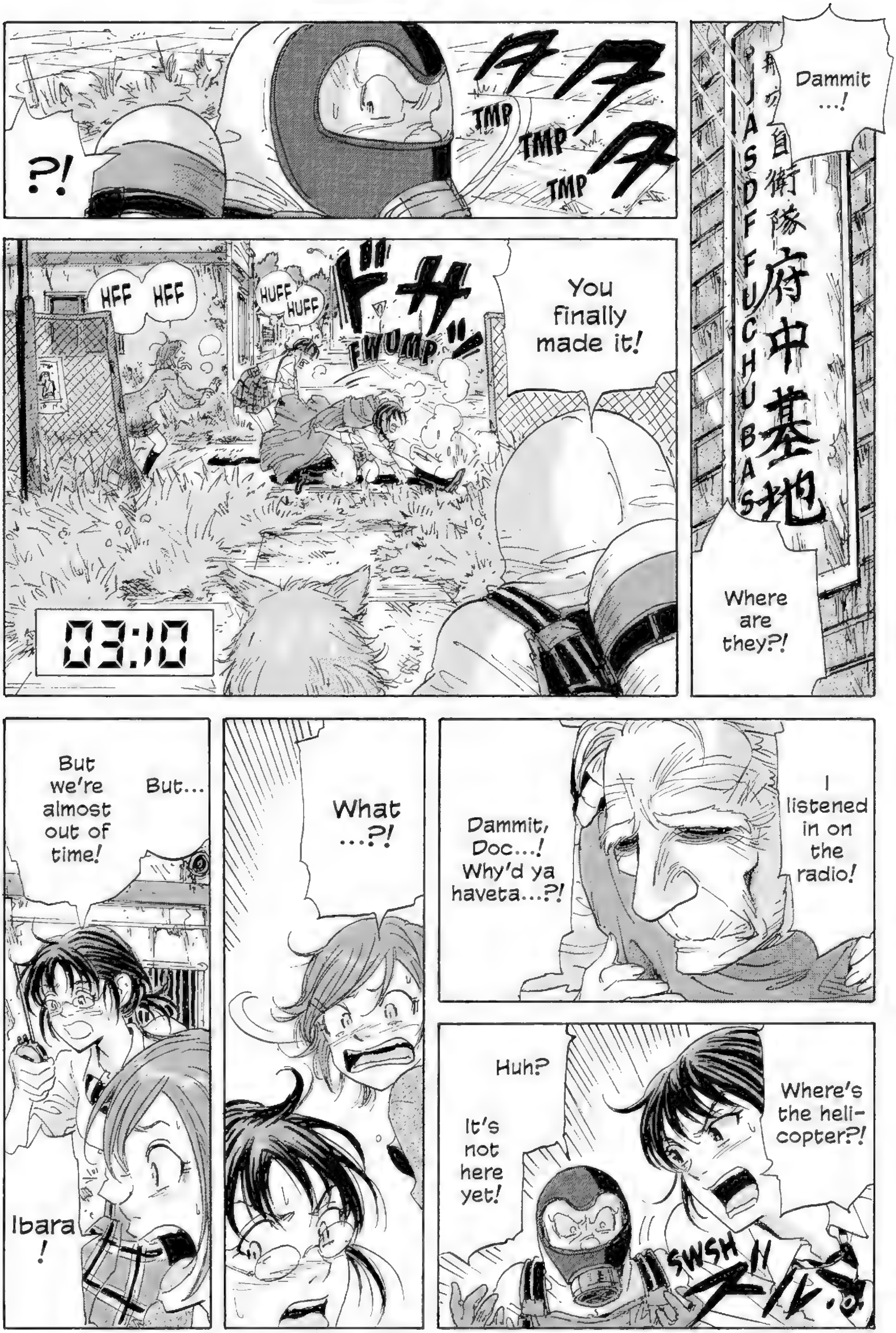

YELP YELP
WHUMP
Run!
Why meee?!
FWAP
Come on, this way!
Carry me toooo!
TMP
04:33
GRRRR
RRRR...

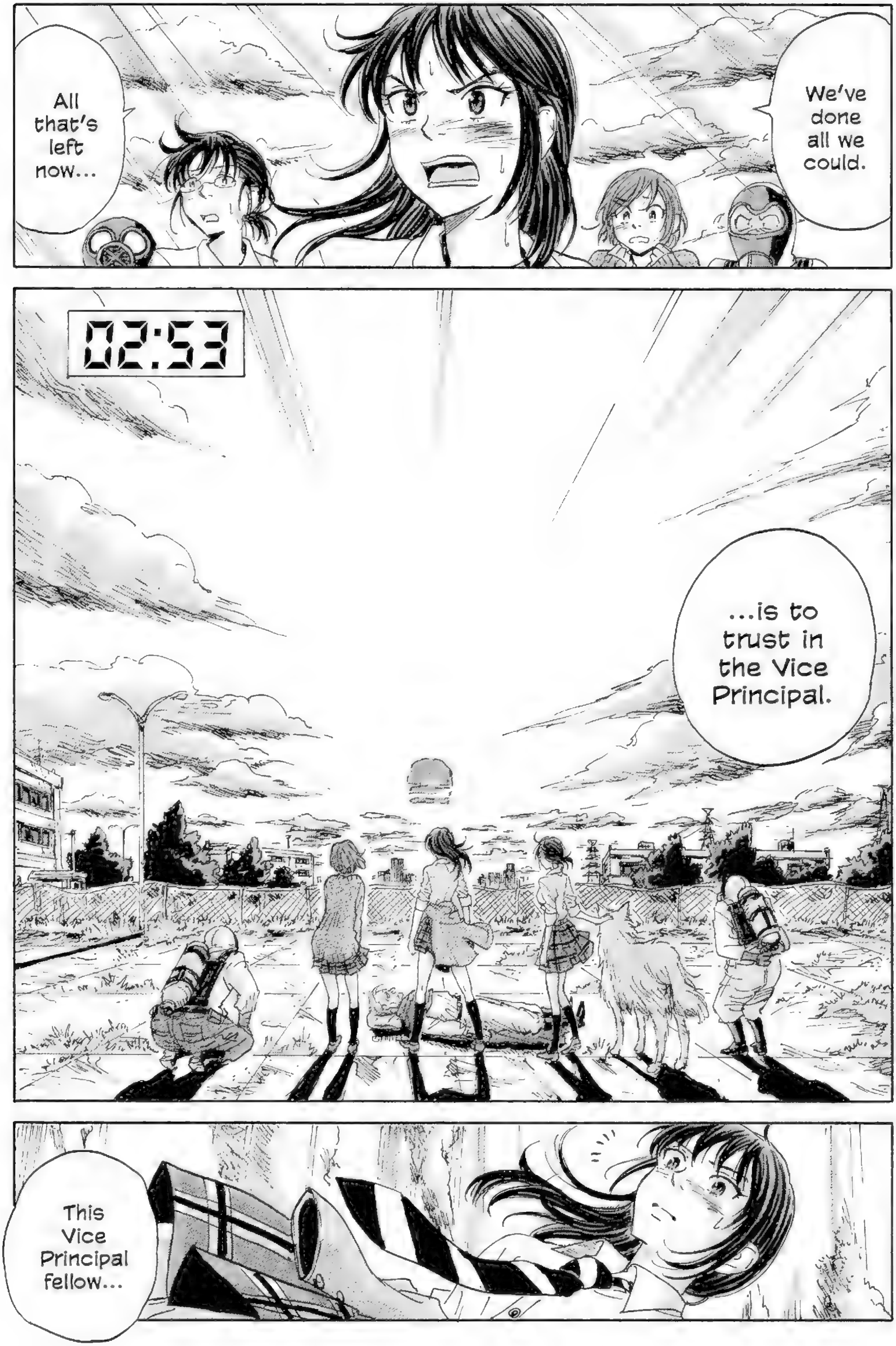

TMP
TMP
TMP
Taeko! How much longer?!
Four minutes, 30 seconds!
Huh ...?!
SCHOOL CROSSING
TMP
A residential area?!
Crud!
THUD
THUD
M-Mooove!
THUD

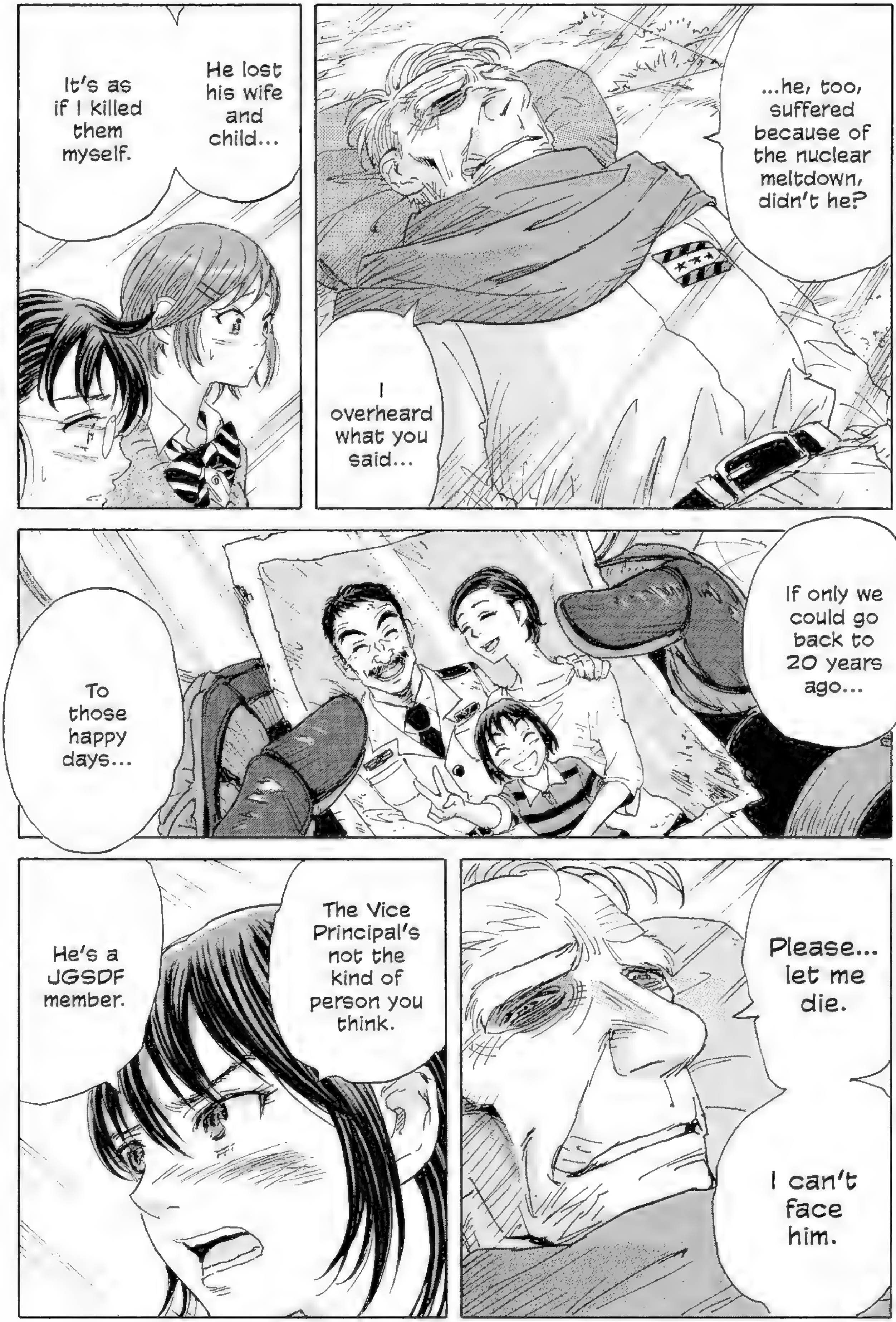

Eeee!!
GRAAAHH
FWUMP
Oof!
Get away, you stalker...!
SWSH
KRSH

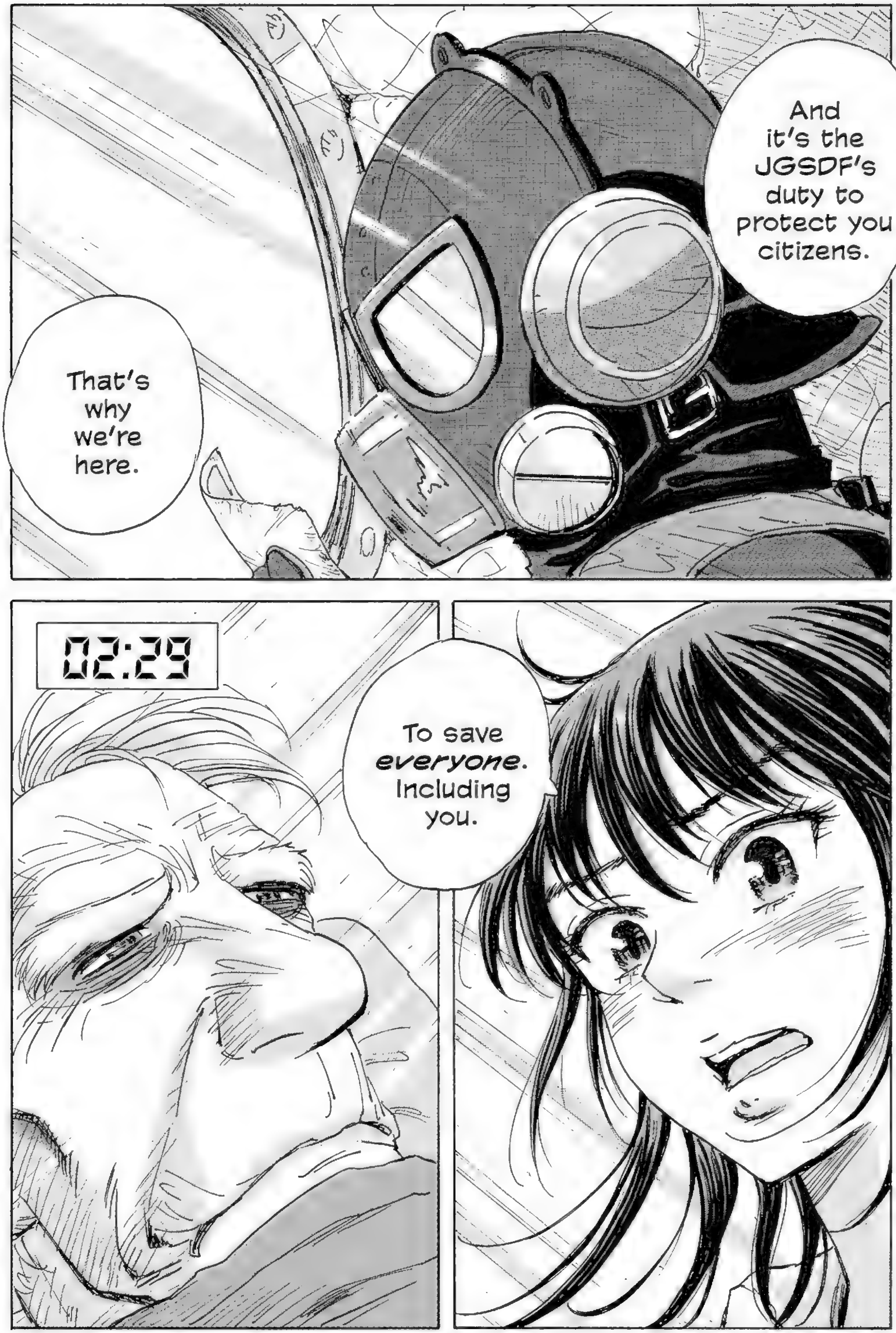

Move back!
KRSH
PSSH
Ibara ?!
TMP
KCHK
GRRR
Ibara! No!
TWITCH
TWITCH
GRARRH
Run!!
Stay right there ....!
BOOM
SHOOOO
?!

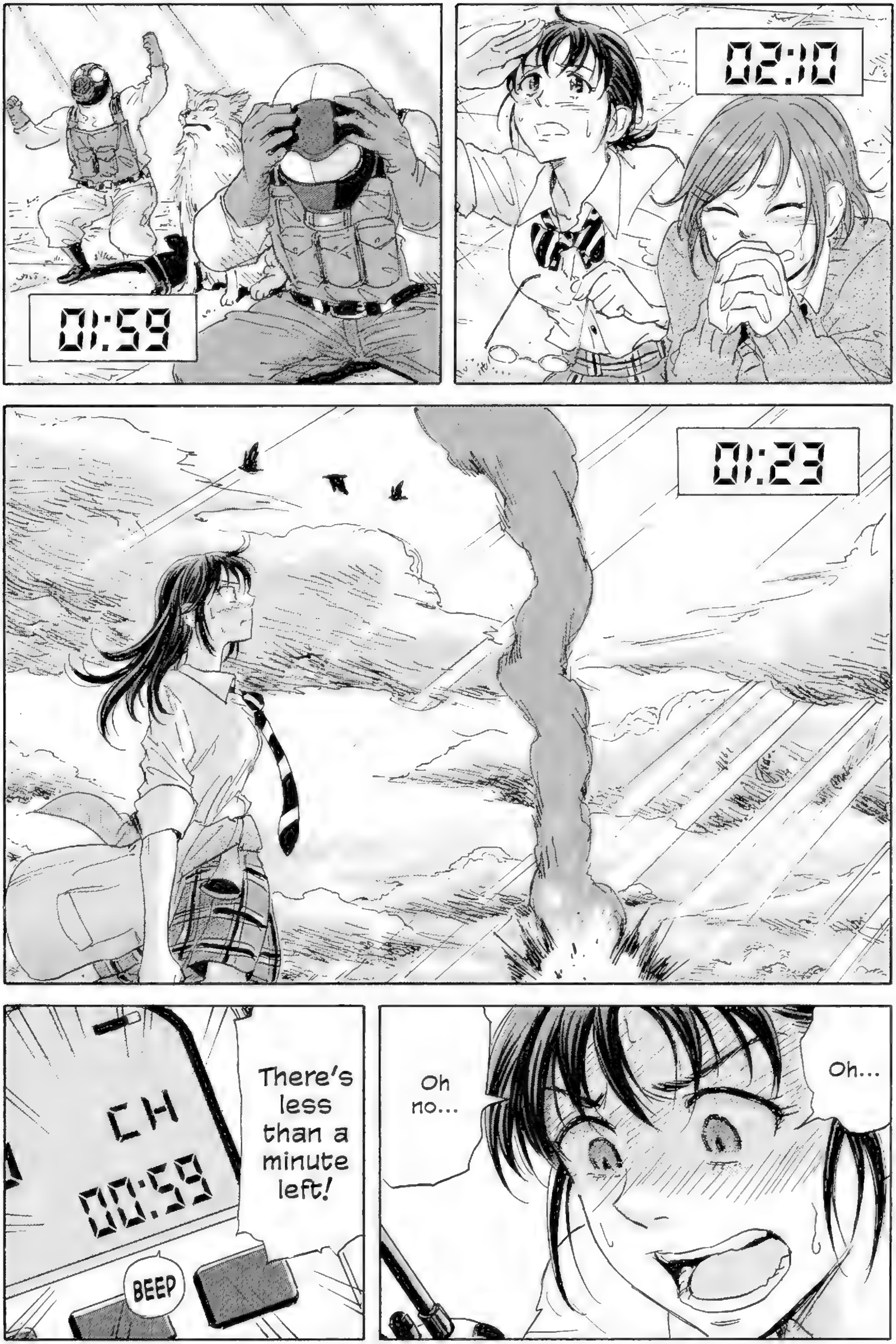

BWOOM
RRRMMM
TMP
HWOOO
KRSSSH
Y-You did it!
You got him!
TWITCH
TWITCH
03:58
Taeko…
FWAP
How much longer?!

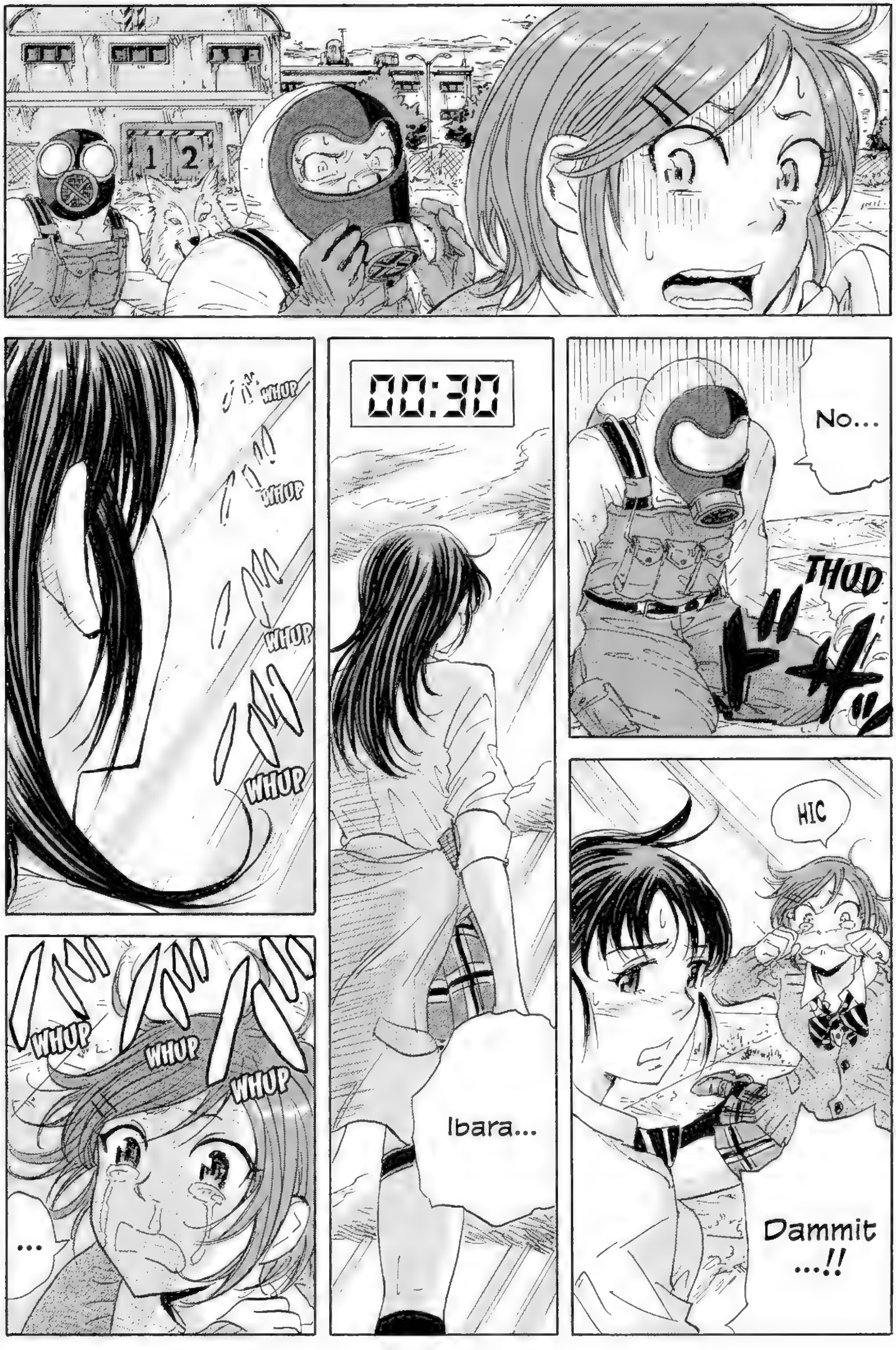

Dammit …!
JASDF FUCHU BASE
自衛隊府中基地
Where are they?!
タタタ
TMP
TMP
TMP
?!
ドサッ
FWUMP
HUFF HUFF
HFF HFF
You finally made it!
03:10
I listened in on the radio!
Dammit, Doc…! Why'd ya haveta…?!
What …?!
But…
But we're almost out of time!
Ibara!
Where's the heli-copter?!
Huh?
It's not here yet!
スルッ
SWSH


We've done all we could.
All that's left now...
02:53
...is to trust in the Vice Principal.
This Vice Principal fellow...

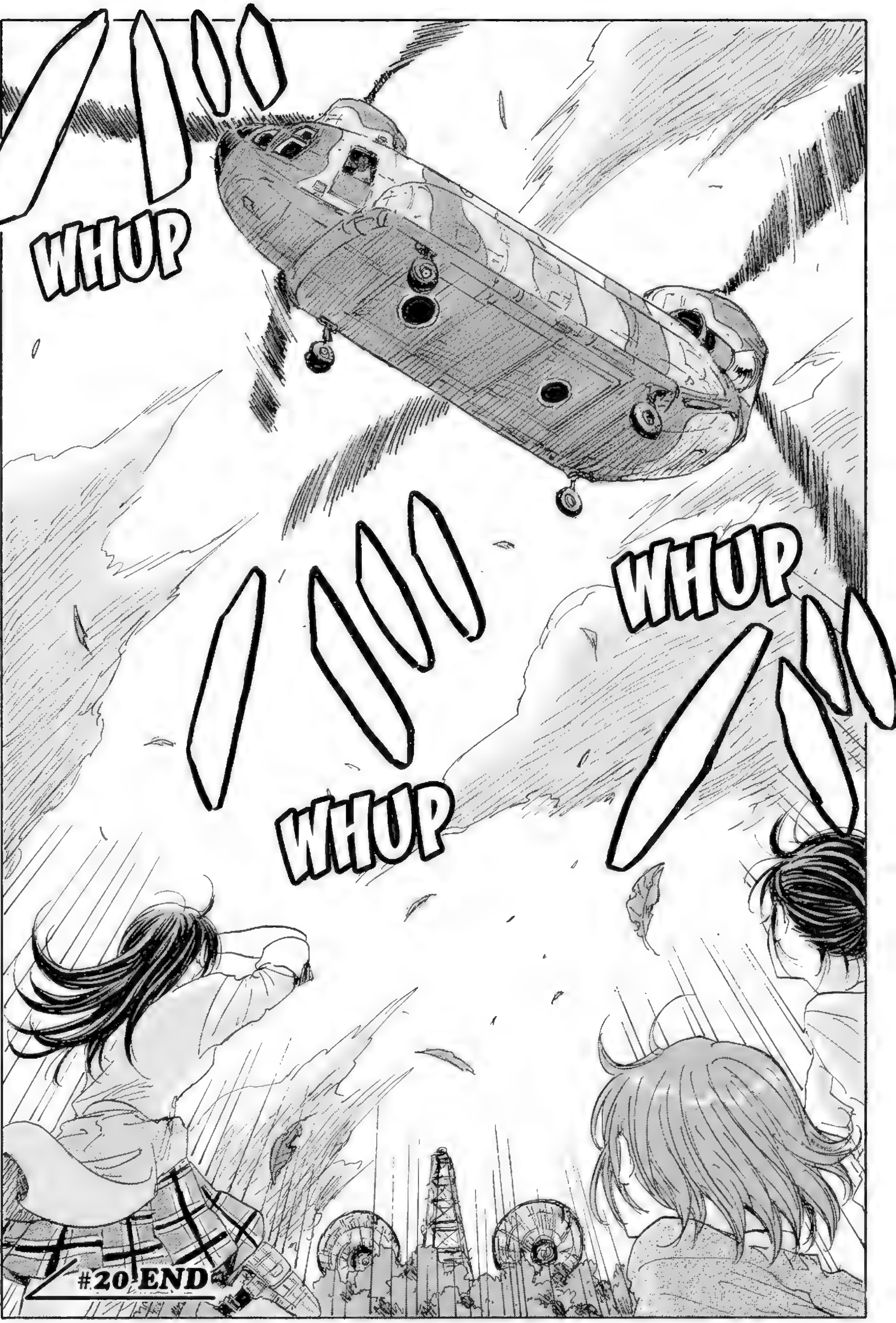

I overheard what you said...
...he, too, suffered because of the nuclear meltdown, didn't he?
He lost his wife and child...
It's as if I killed them myself.
If only we could go back to 20 years ago...
To those happy days...
Please... let me die.
I can't face him.
The Vice Principal's not the kind of person you think.
He's a JGSDF member.

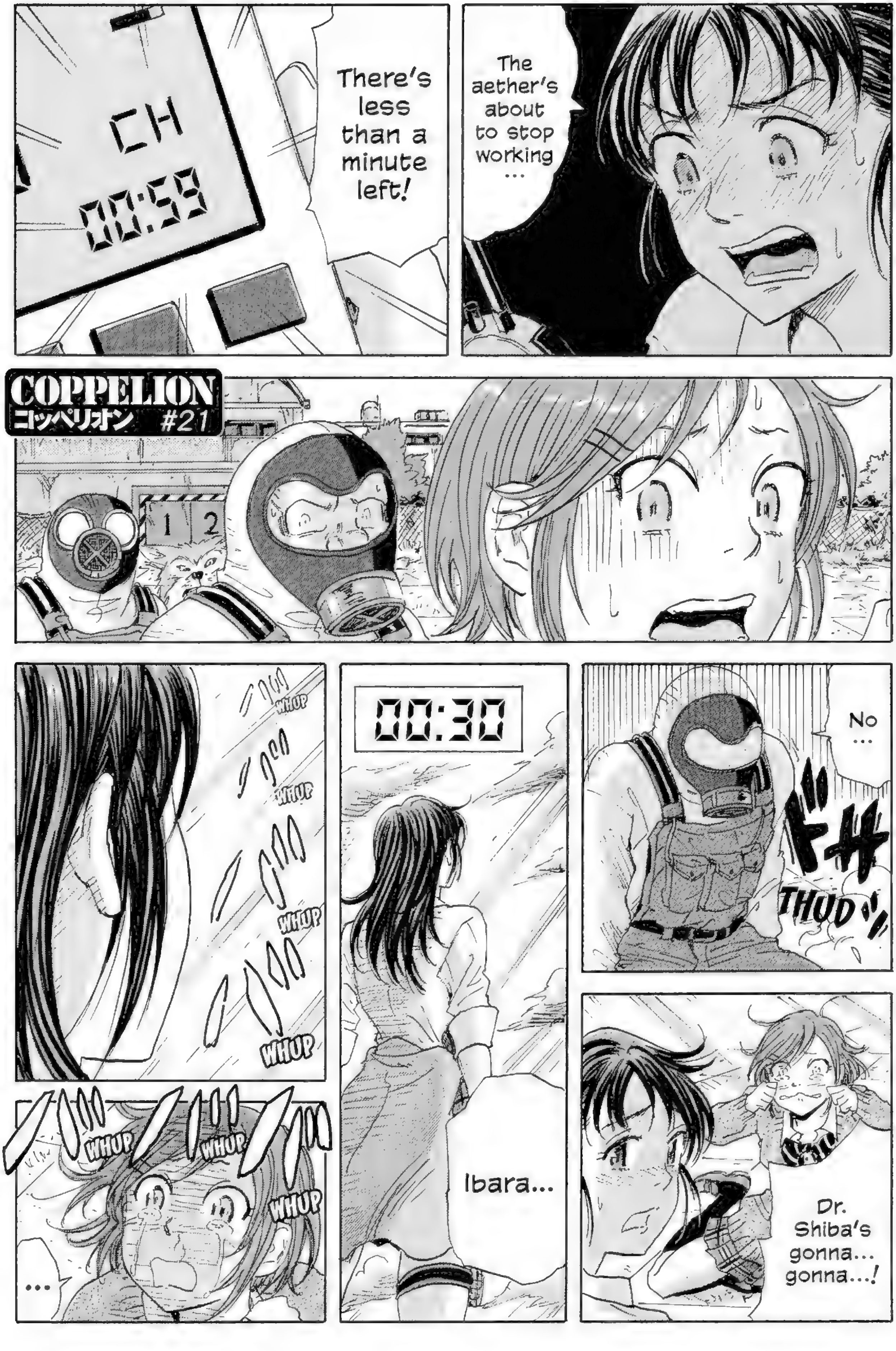

And it's the JGSDF's duty to protect you citizens.
That's why we're here.
To save *everyone*. Including you.
02:29

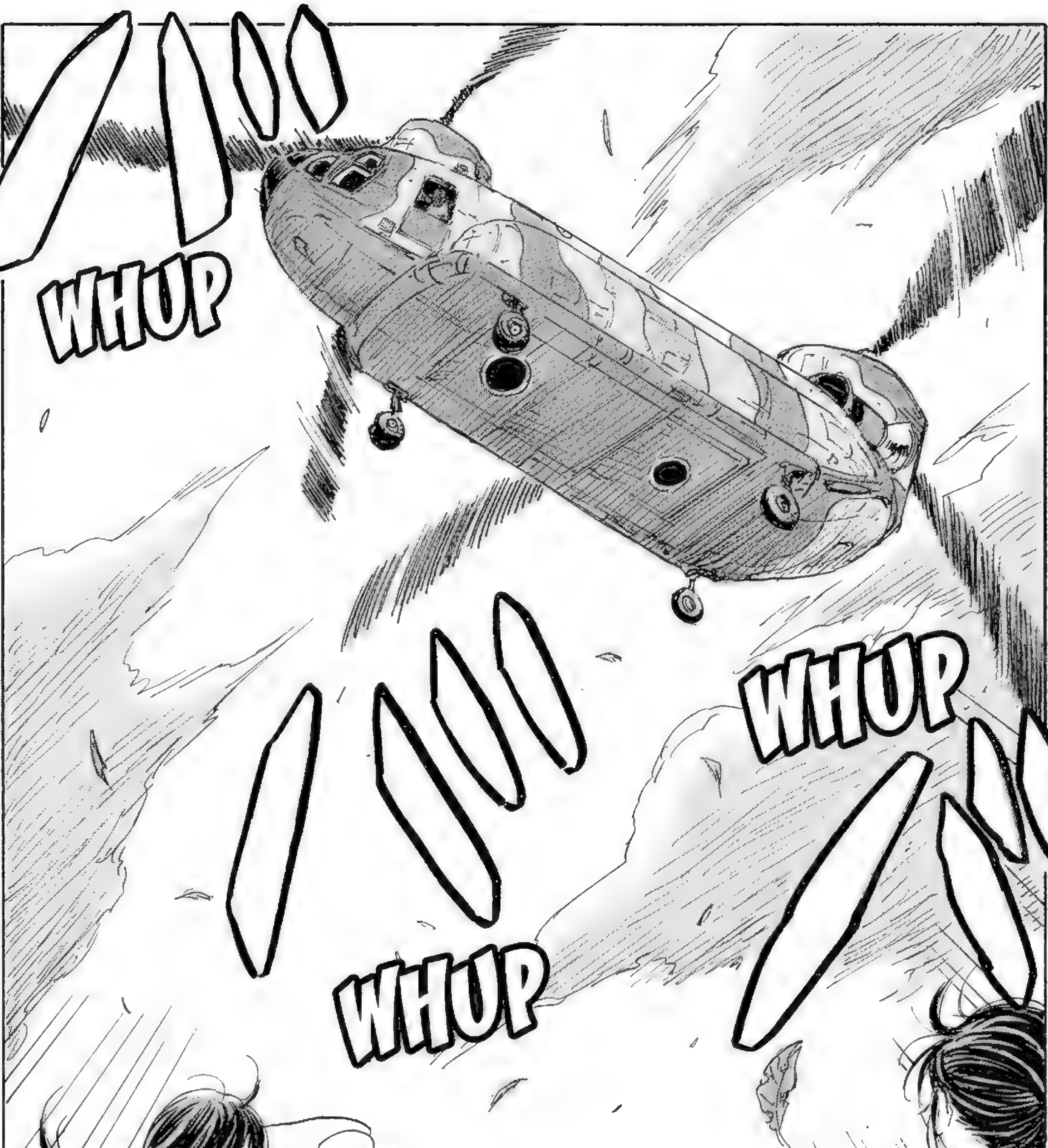

02:10
01:59
01:23
Oh...
Oh no...
There's less than a minute left!
CH
00:59
BEEP

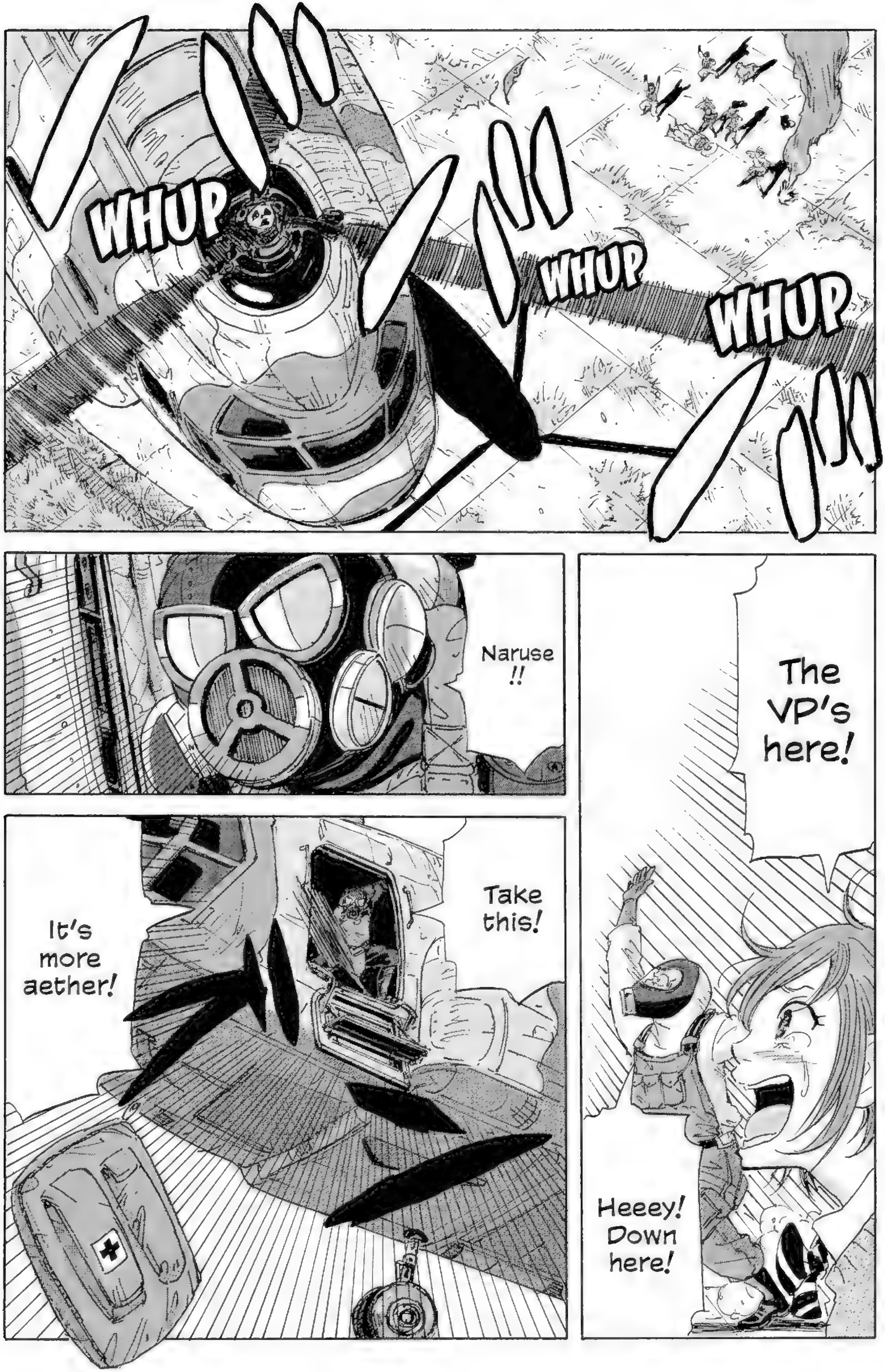


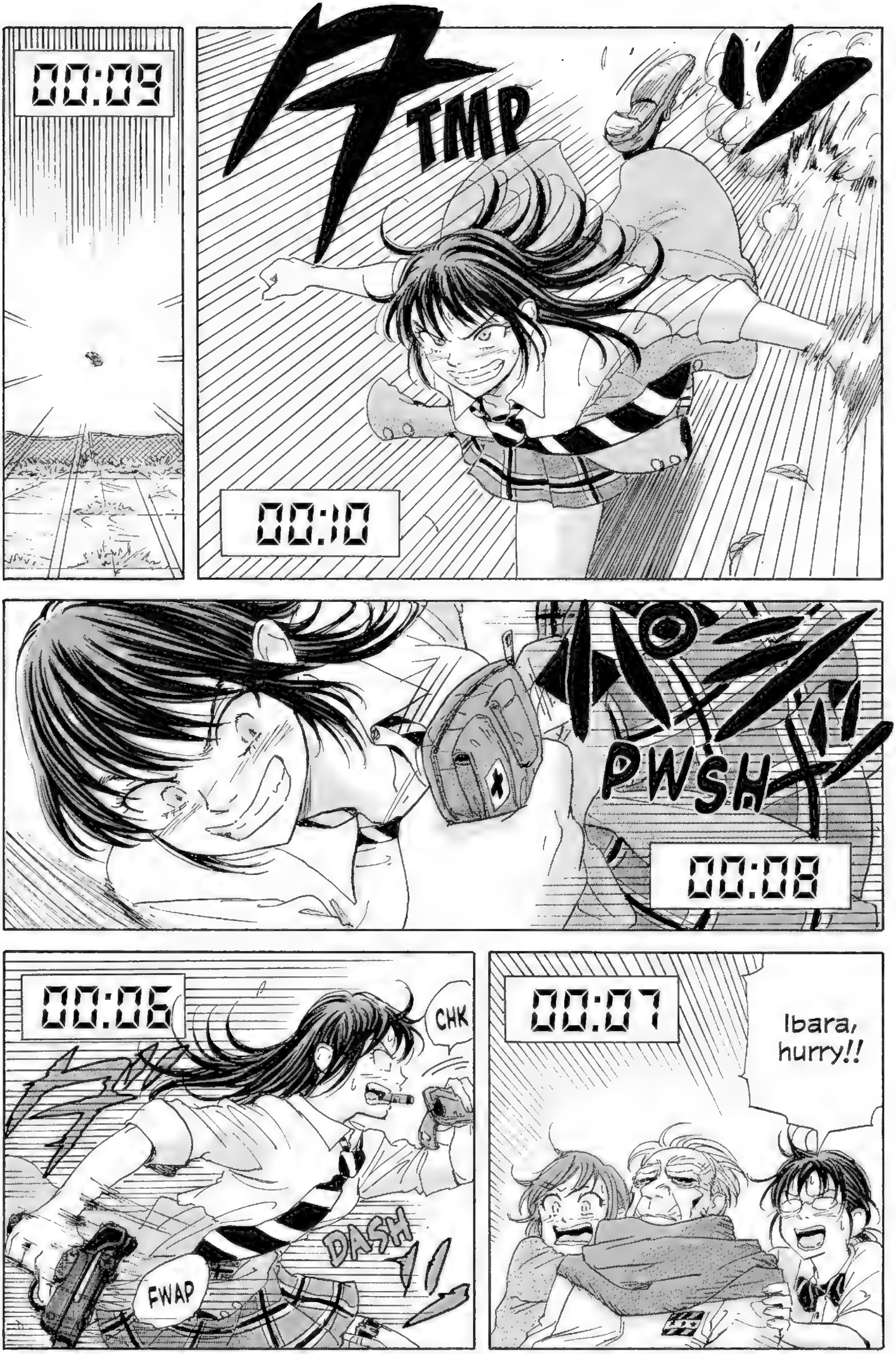
1 2
No...
THUD
HIC
Dammit
...!!
00:30
Ibara...
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
...

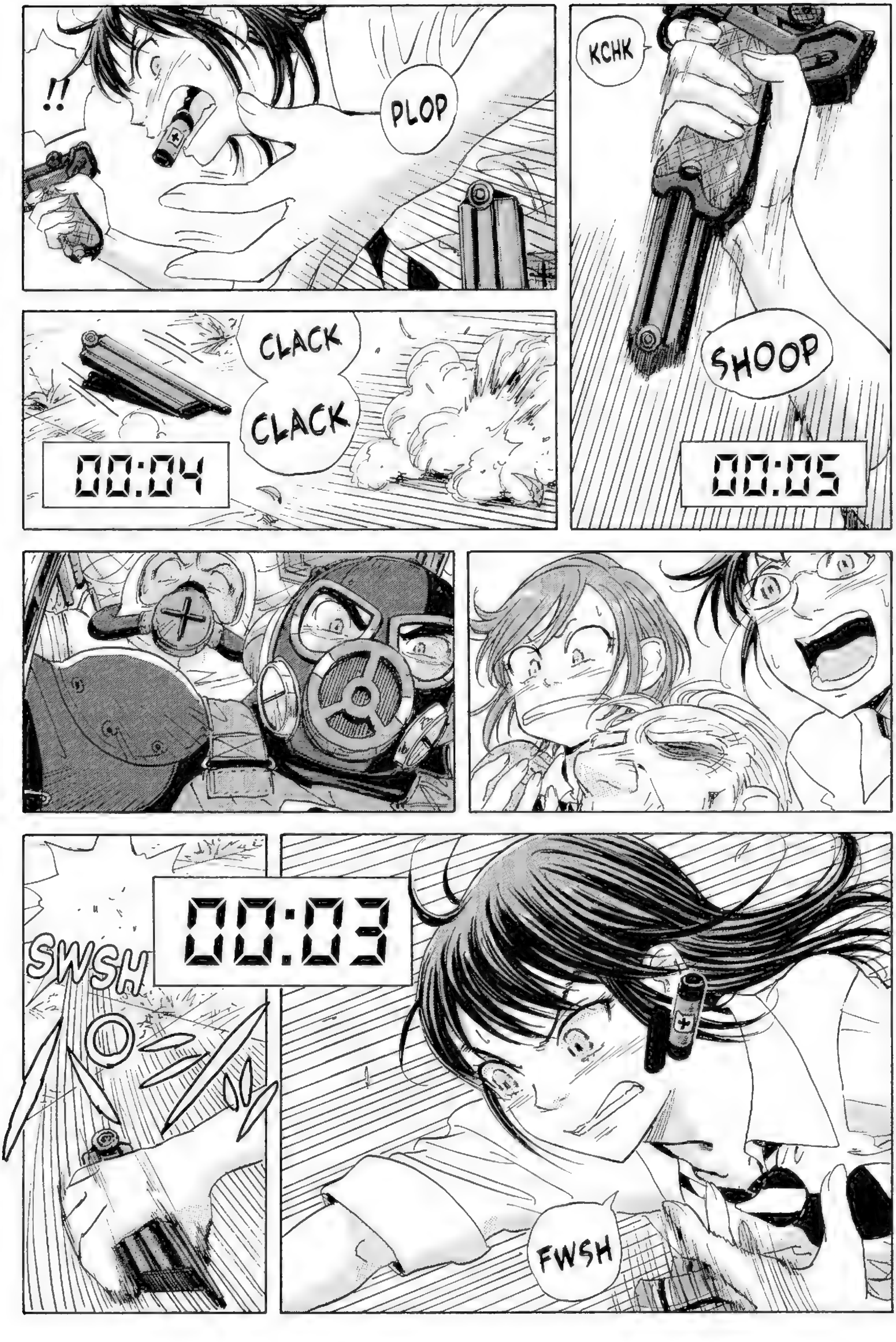

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
#20 END

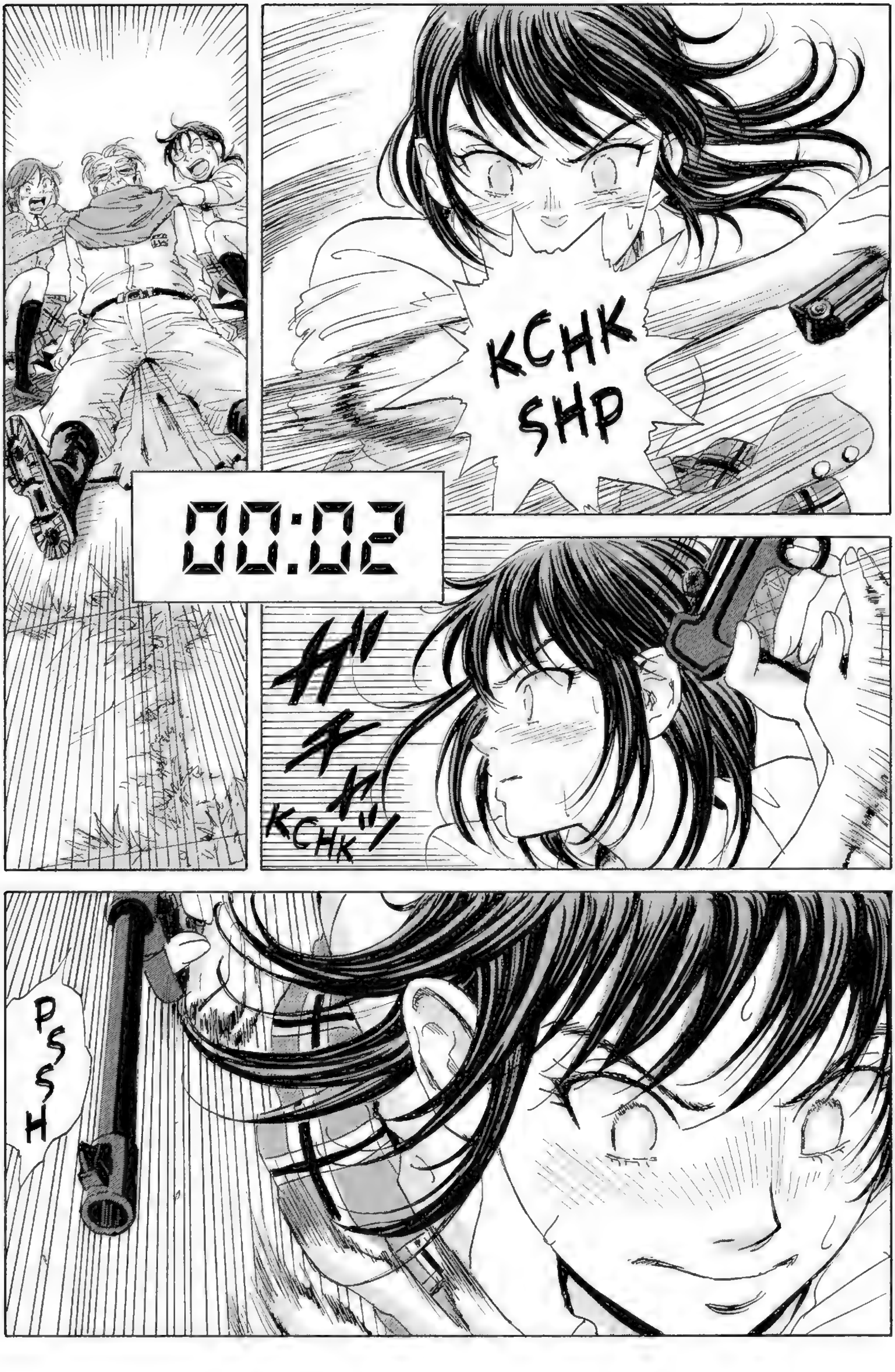

The aether's about to stop working ...
There's less than a minute left!
CH
00:59
COPPELION
コッペリオン #21
1 2
No ...
ドサ
THUD
00:30
Ibara...
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
Dr. Shiba's gonna... gonna...!
WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
...

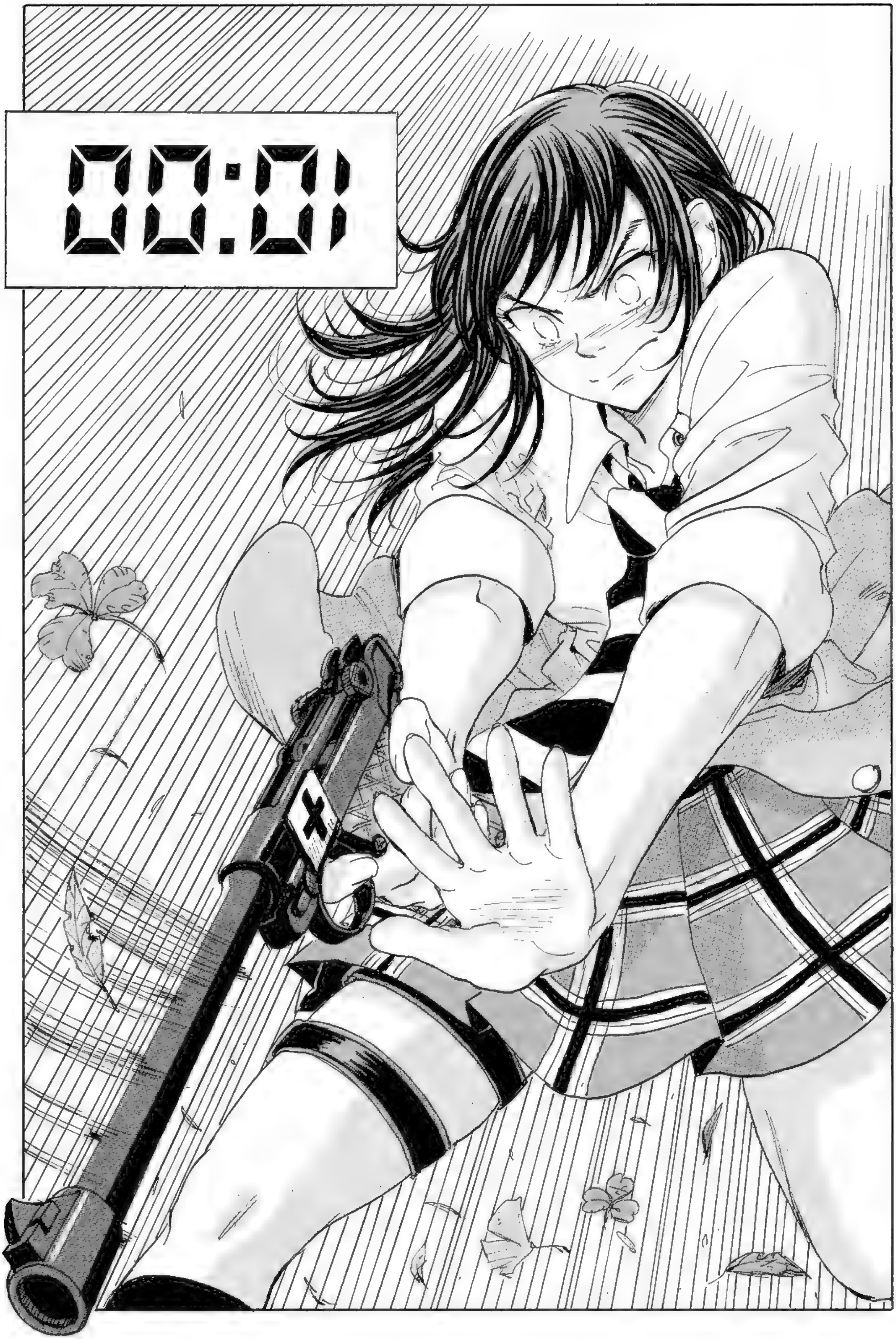

WHUP
WHUP
WHUP


WHUP
WHUP
WHUP
The VP's here!
Heeey! Down here!
Naruse !!
Take this!
It's more aether!


タ
TMP
ッ!!
00:10
00:09
パシッ!!
PWSH
00:08
00:07
Ibara, hurry!!
00:06
CHK
DASH
FWAP


KCHK
SHOOP
00:05
!!
PLOP
CLACK
CLACK
00:04
FWSH
00:03
SWSH

KCHK SHP
00:02
ガチャッ!
KCHK
PSSH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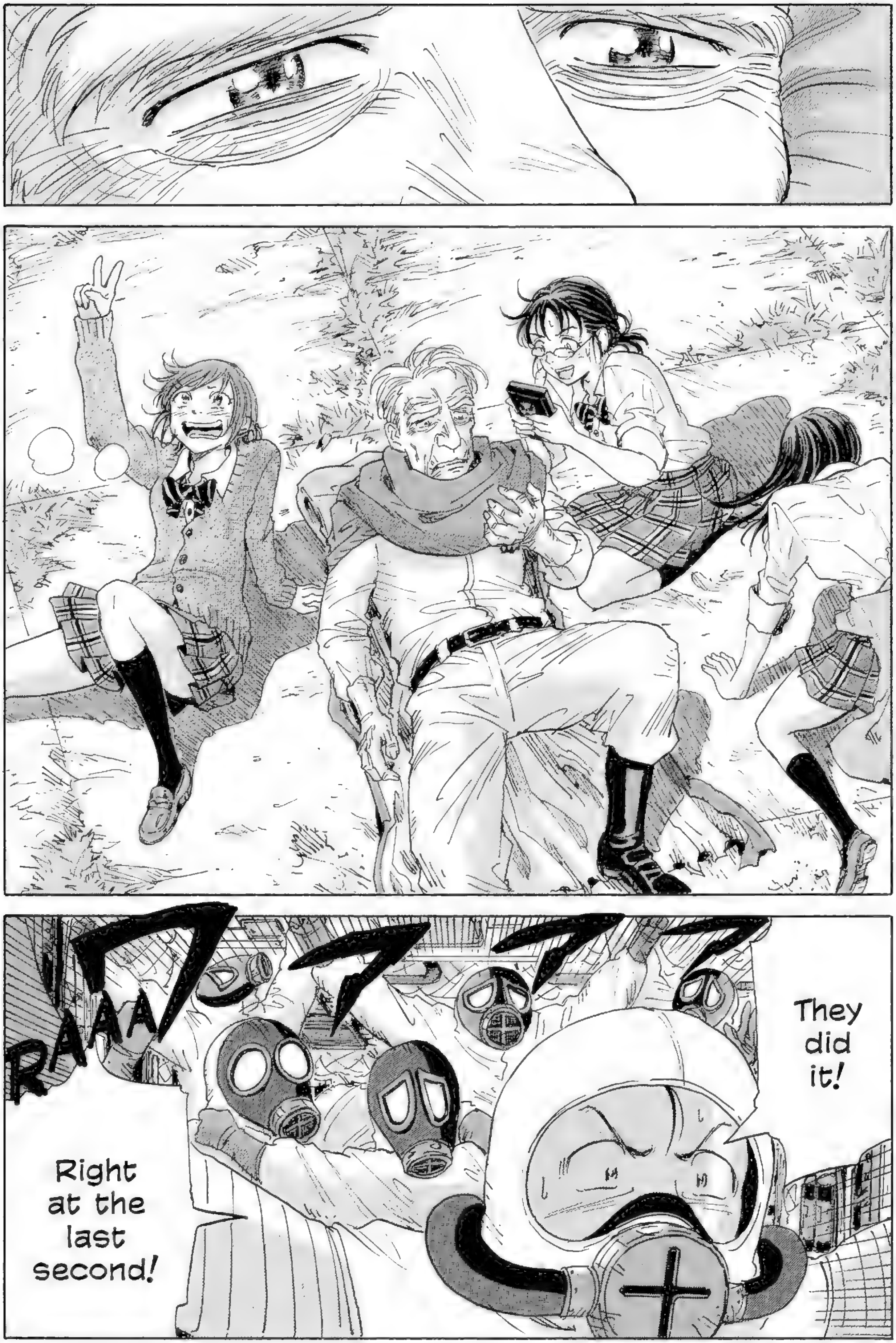
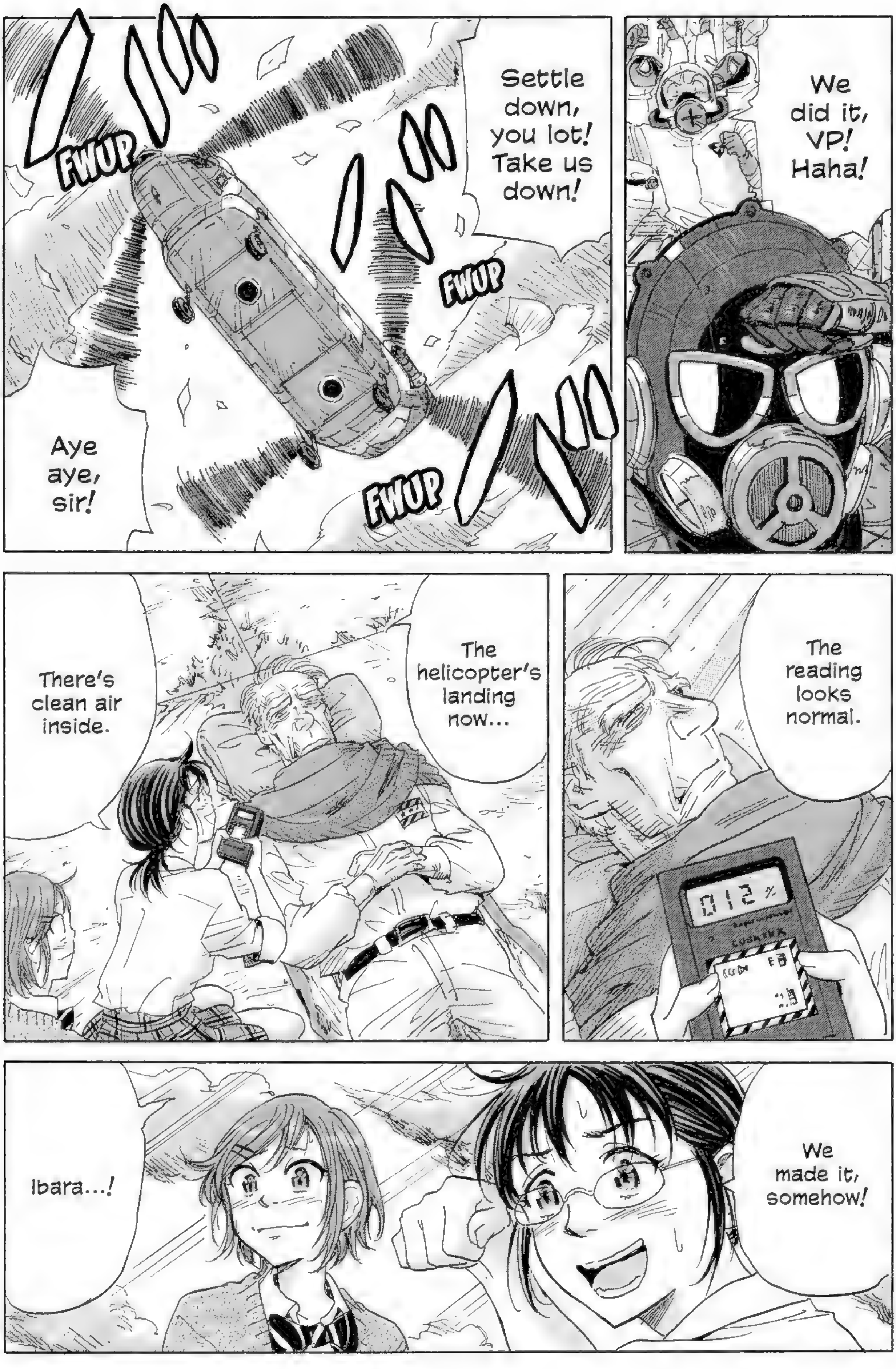
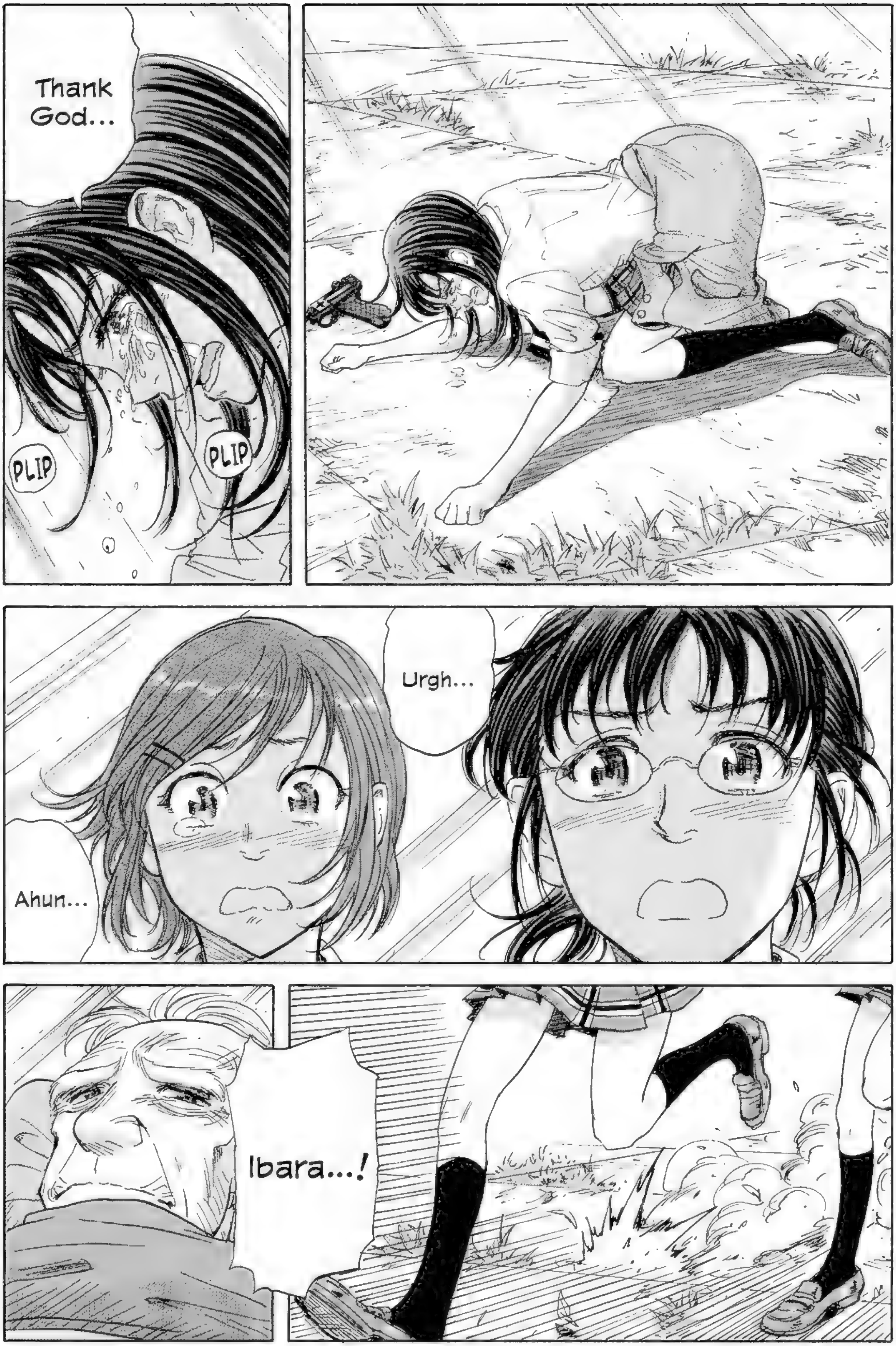
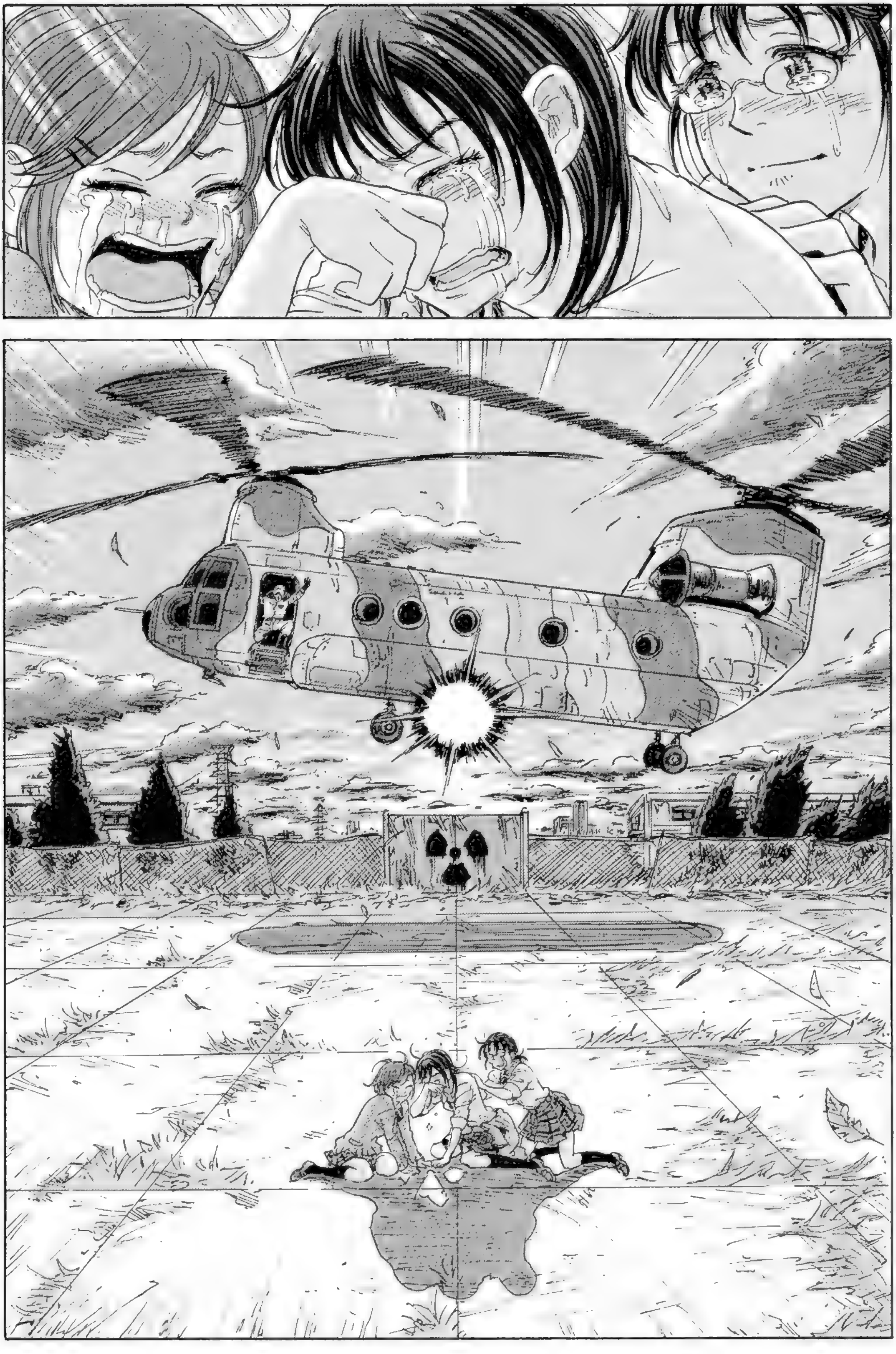
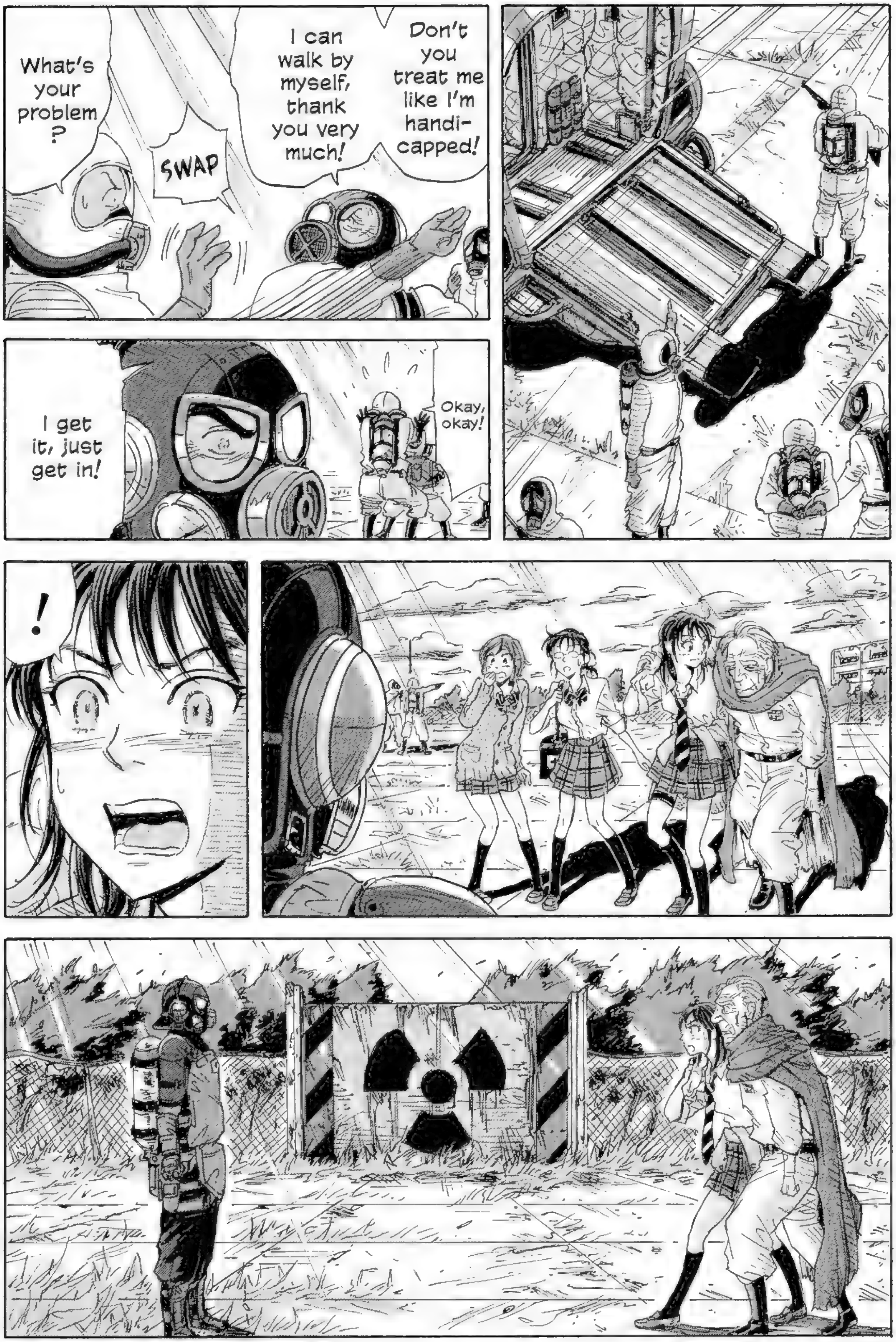
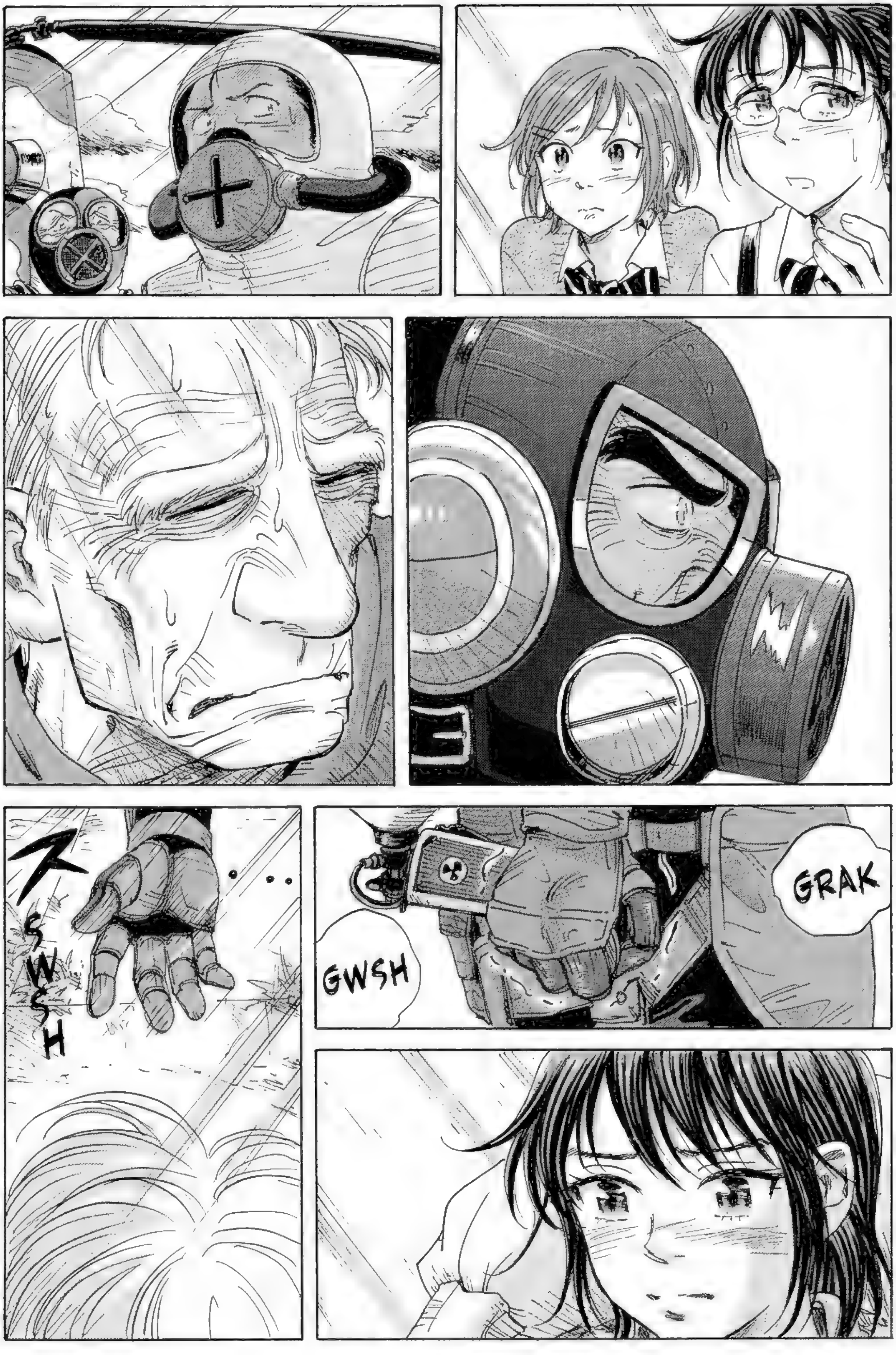

They did it!
Right at the last second!
RAAA

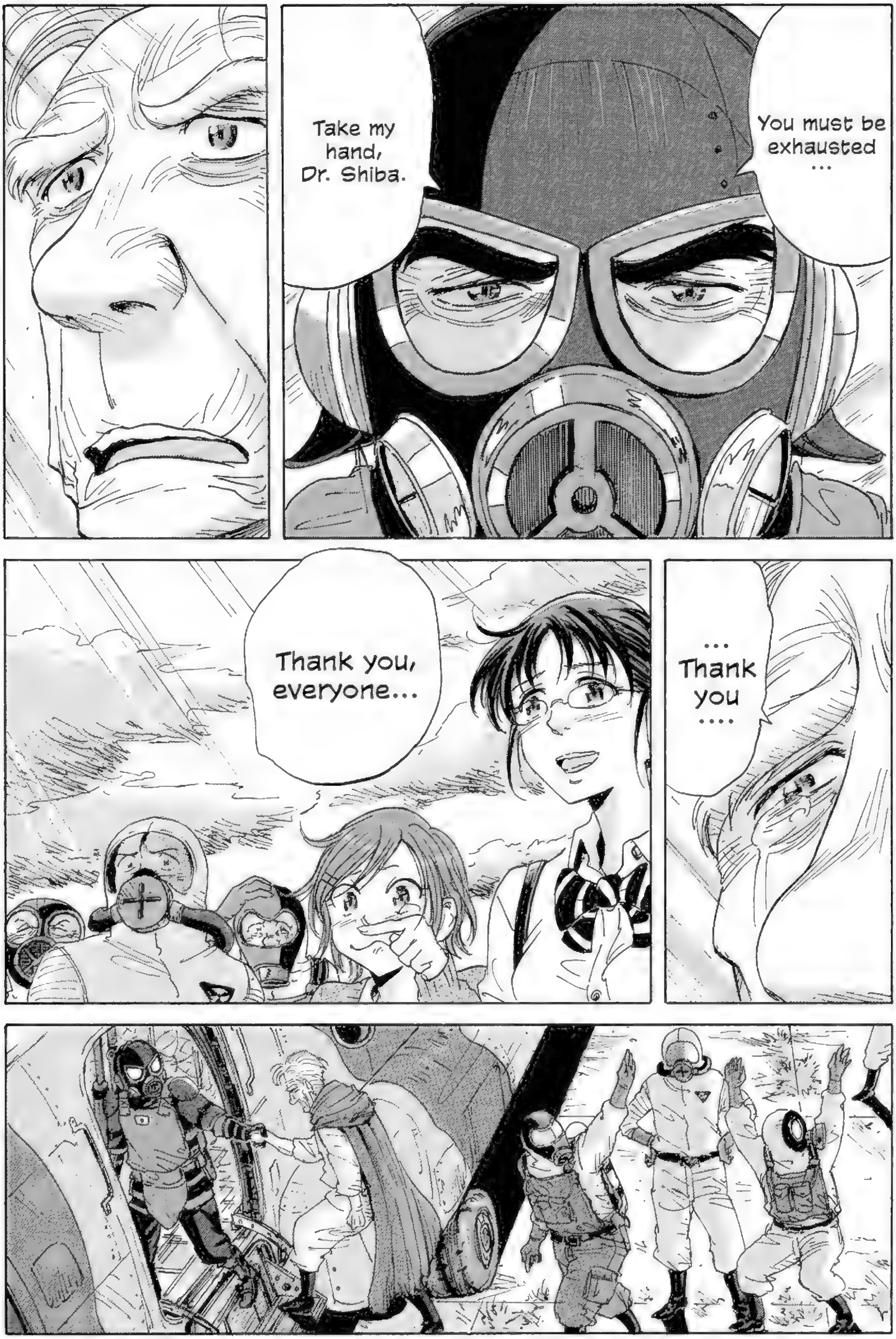

We did it, VP! Haha!
Settle down, you lot! Take us down!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Aye aye, sir!
The reading looks normal.
012
The helicopter's landing now...
There's clean air inside.
We made it, somehow!
Ibara...!

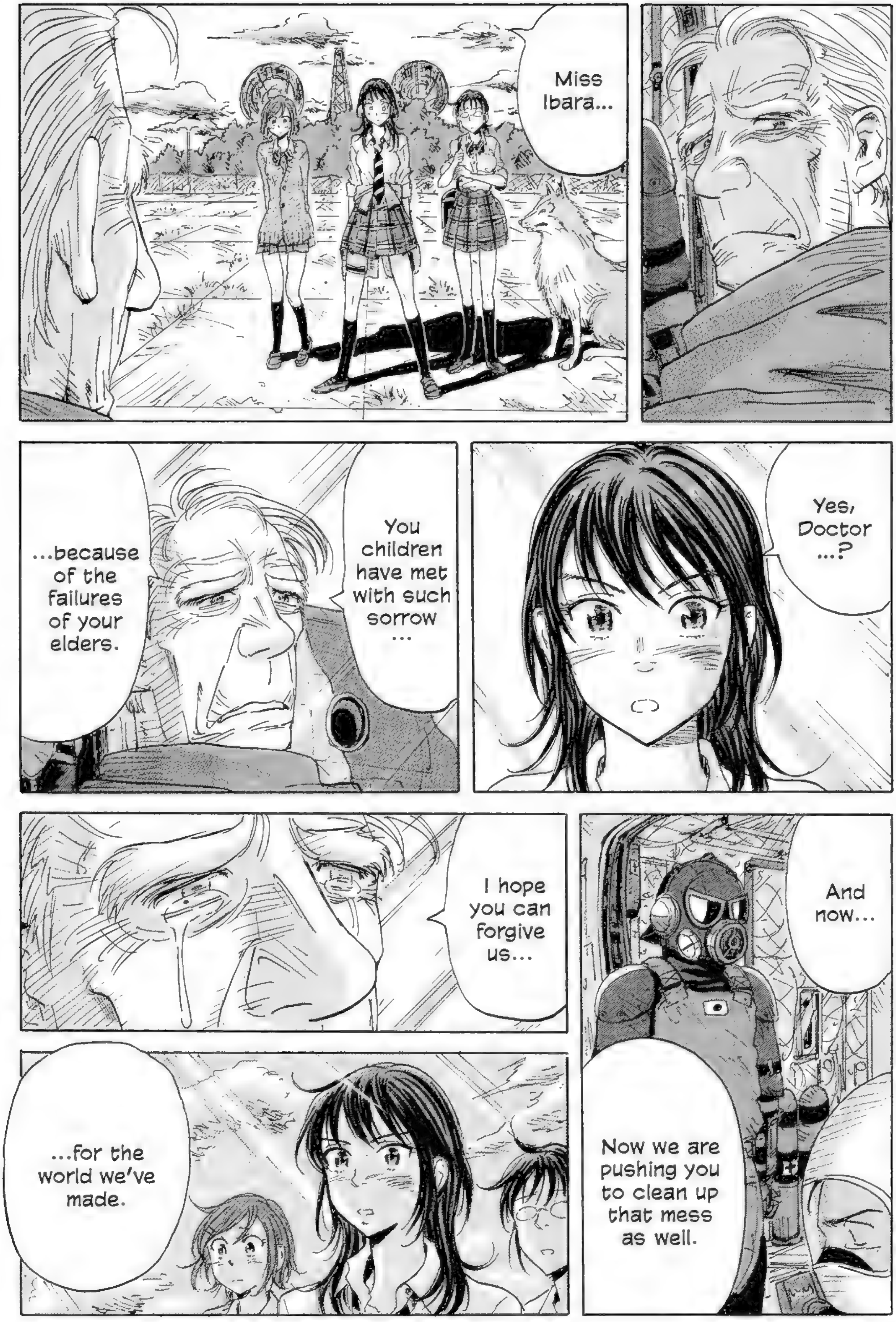

Thank God...
PLIP
PLIP
Urgh...
Ahun...
Ibara...!

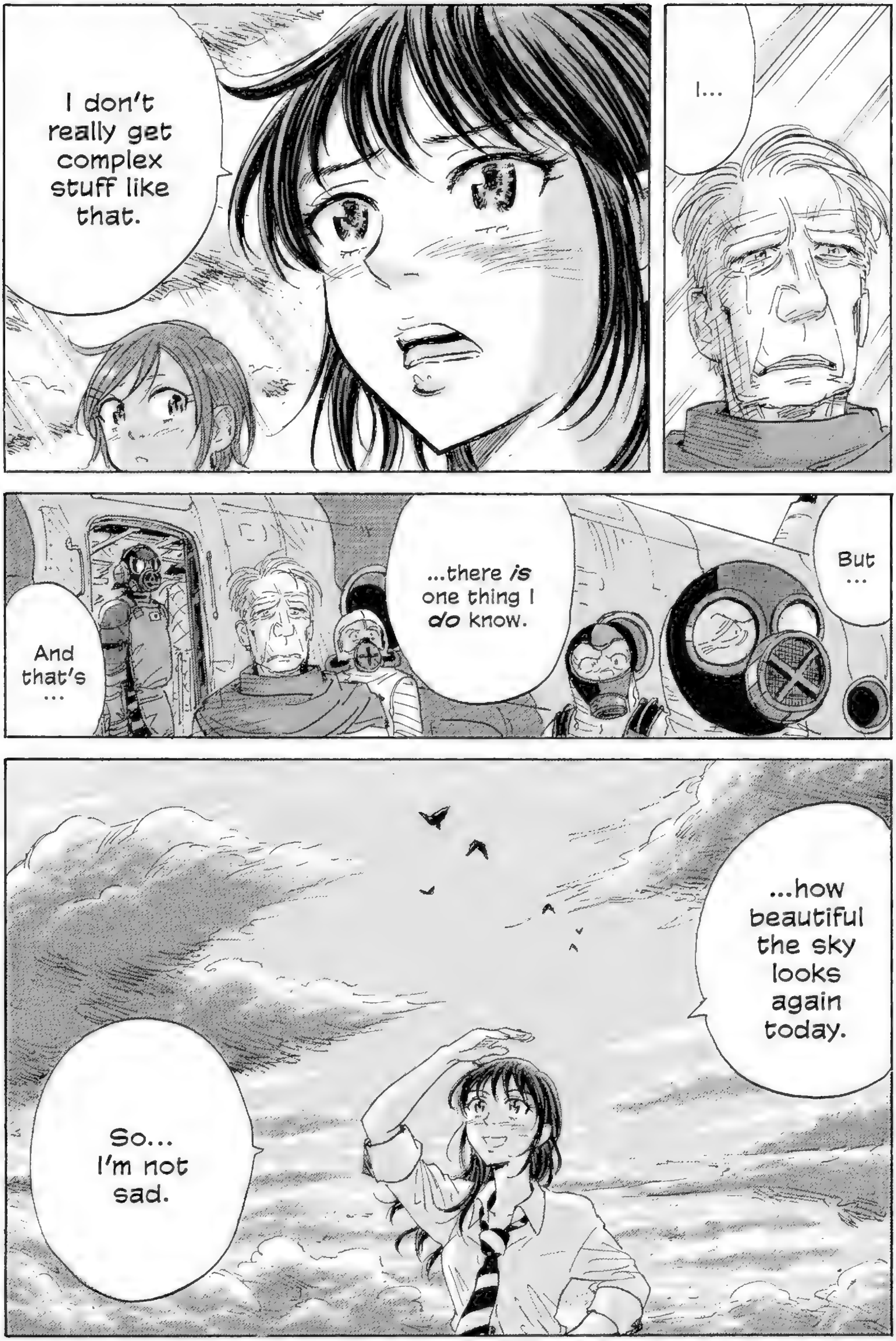


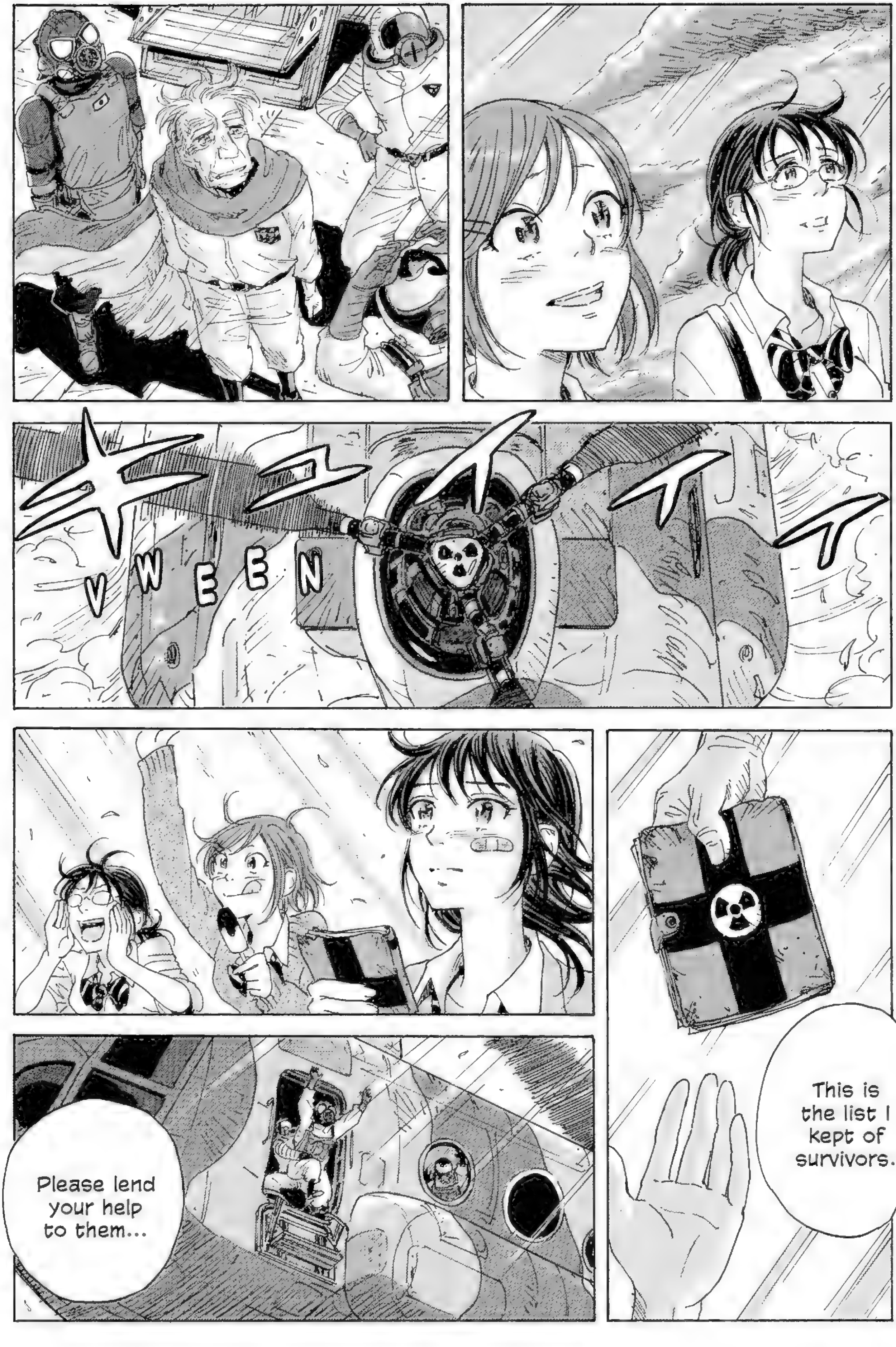

Don't you treat me like I'm handicapped!
I can walk by myself, thank you very much!
SWAP
What's your problem?
Okay, okay!
I get it, just get in!
!

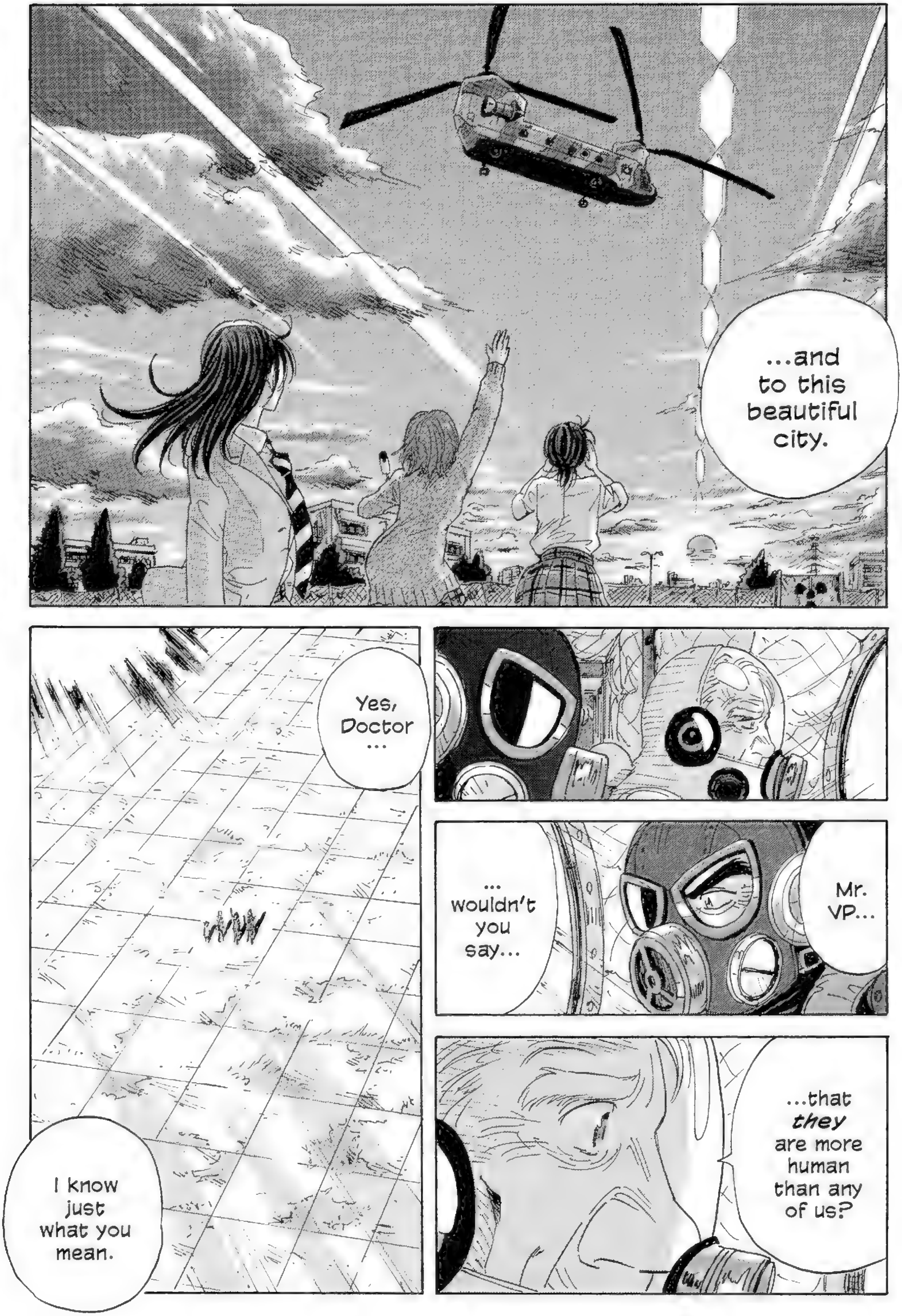

GRAK
GWSH
. . .
SWSH

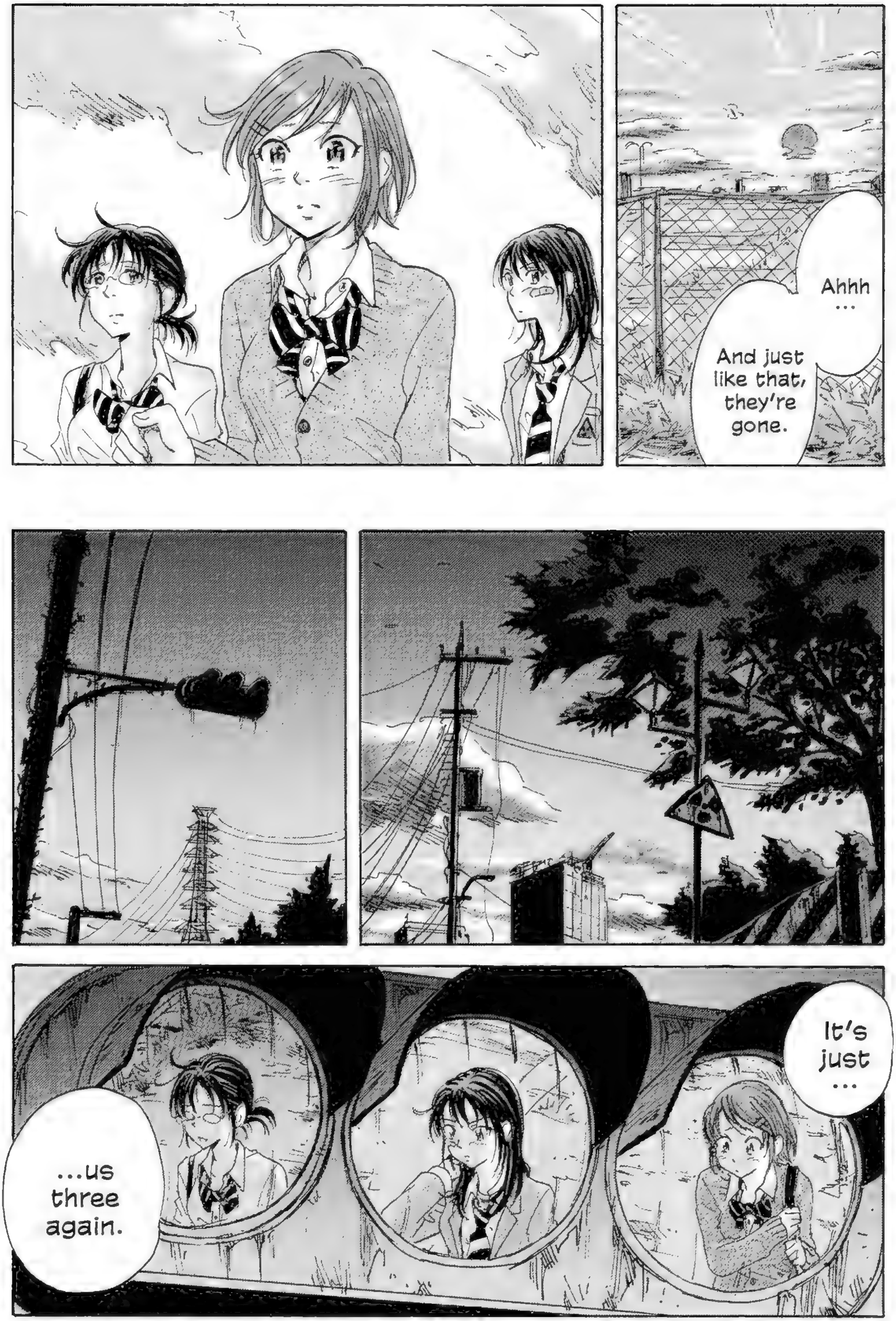

You must be exhausted ...
Take my hand, Dr. Shiba.
... Thank you ....
Thank you, everyone...

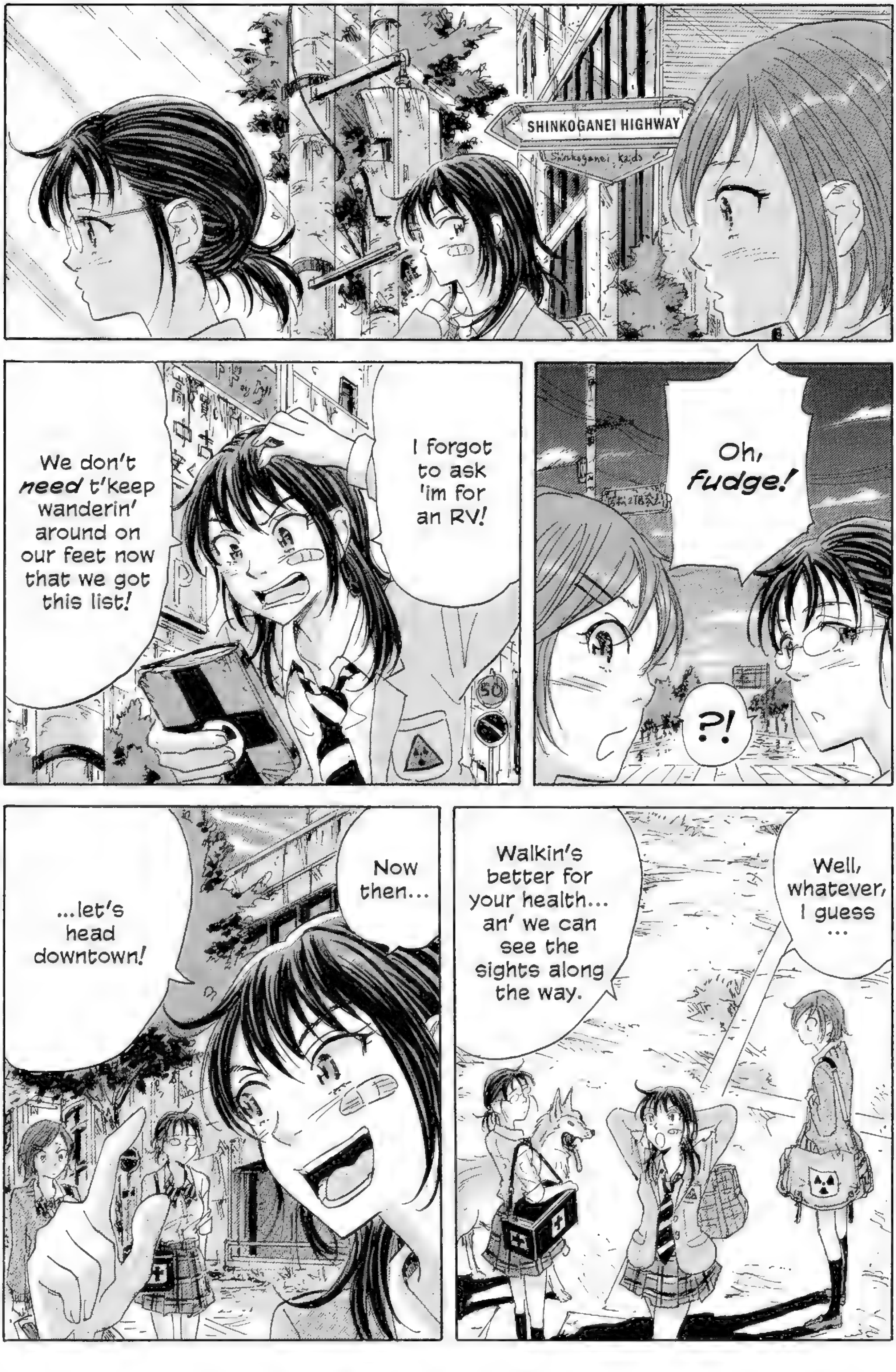

Miss Ibara...
Yes, Doctor ...?
You children have met with such sorrow ...
...because of the failures of your elders.
And now...
Now we are pushing you to clean up that mess as well.
I hope you can forgive us...
...for the world we've made.

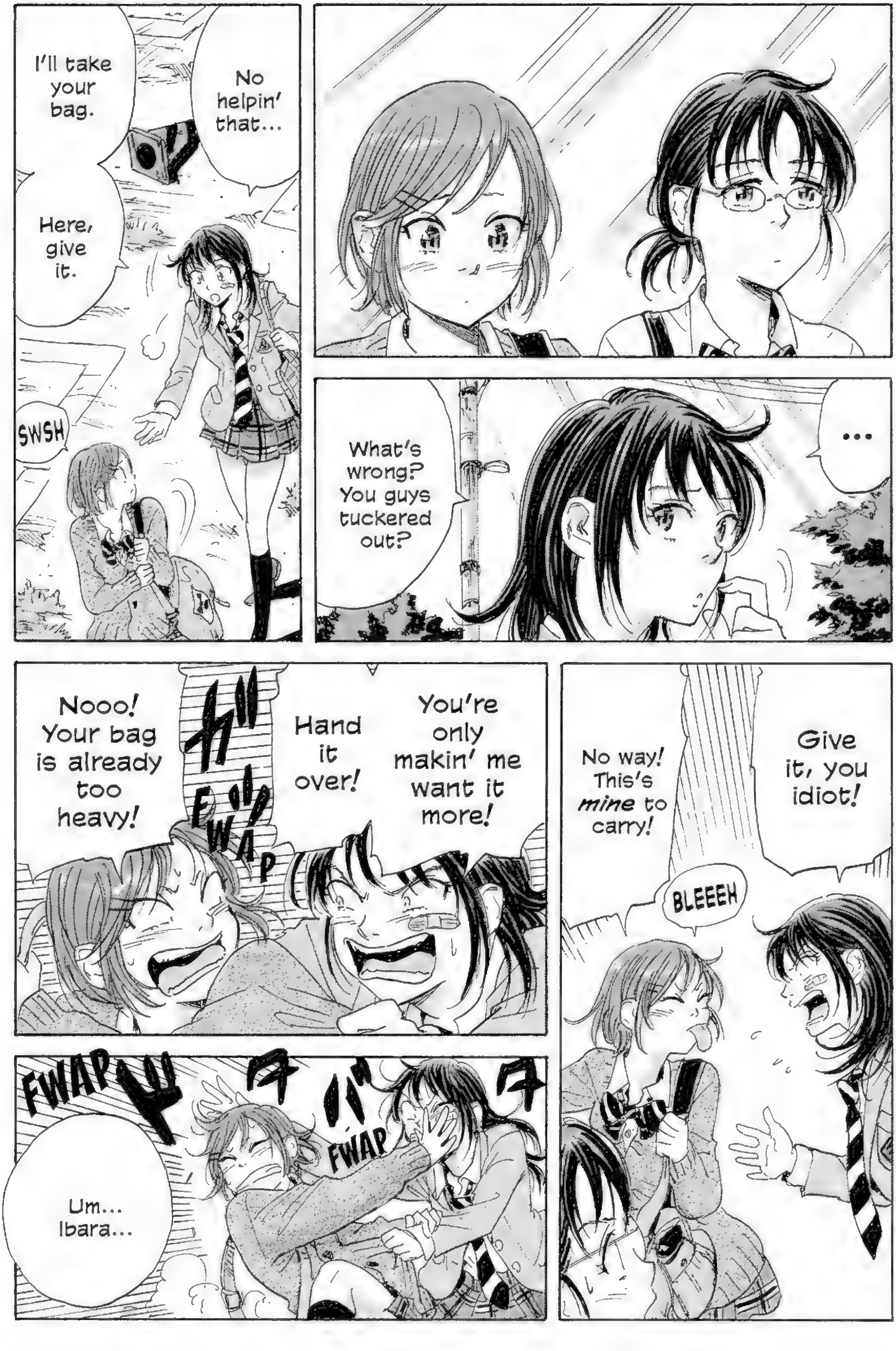

I...
I don't really get complex stuff like that.
But...
...there *is* one thing I *do* know.
And that's...
...how beautiful the sky looks again today.
So... I'm not sad.

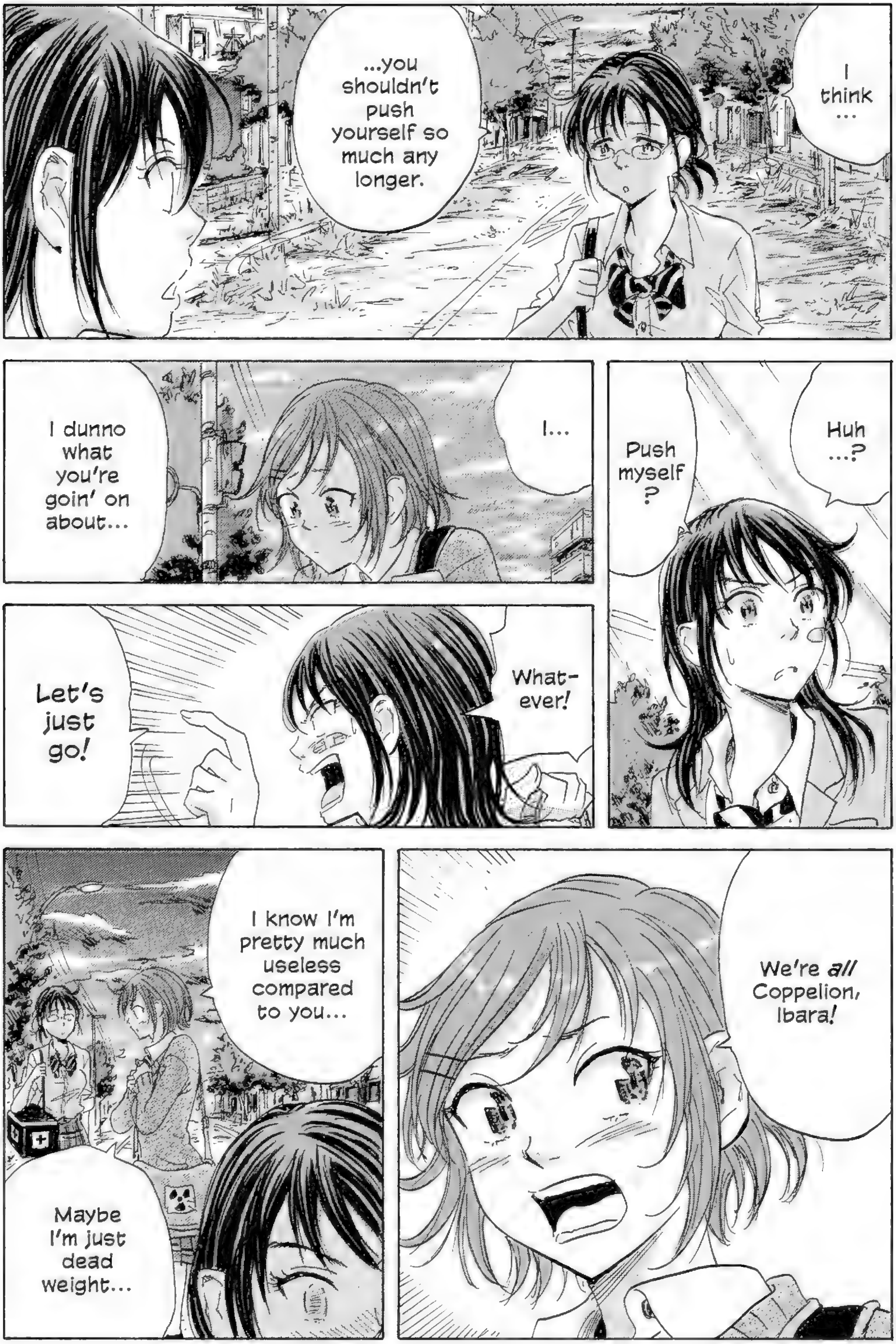

キュイイ
VWEEN
This is the list I kept of survivors.
Please lend your help to them...

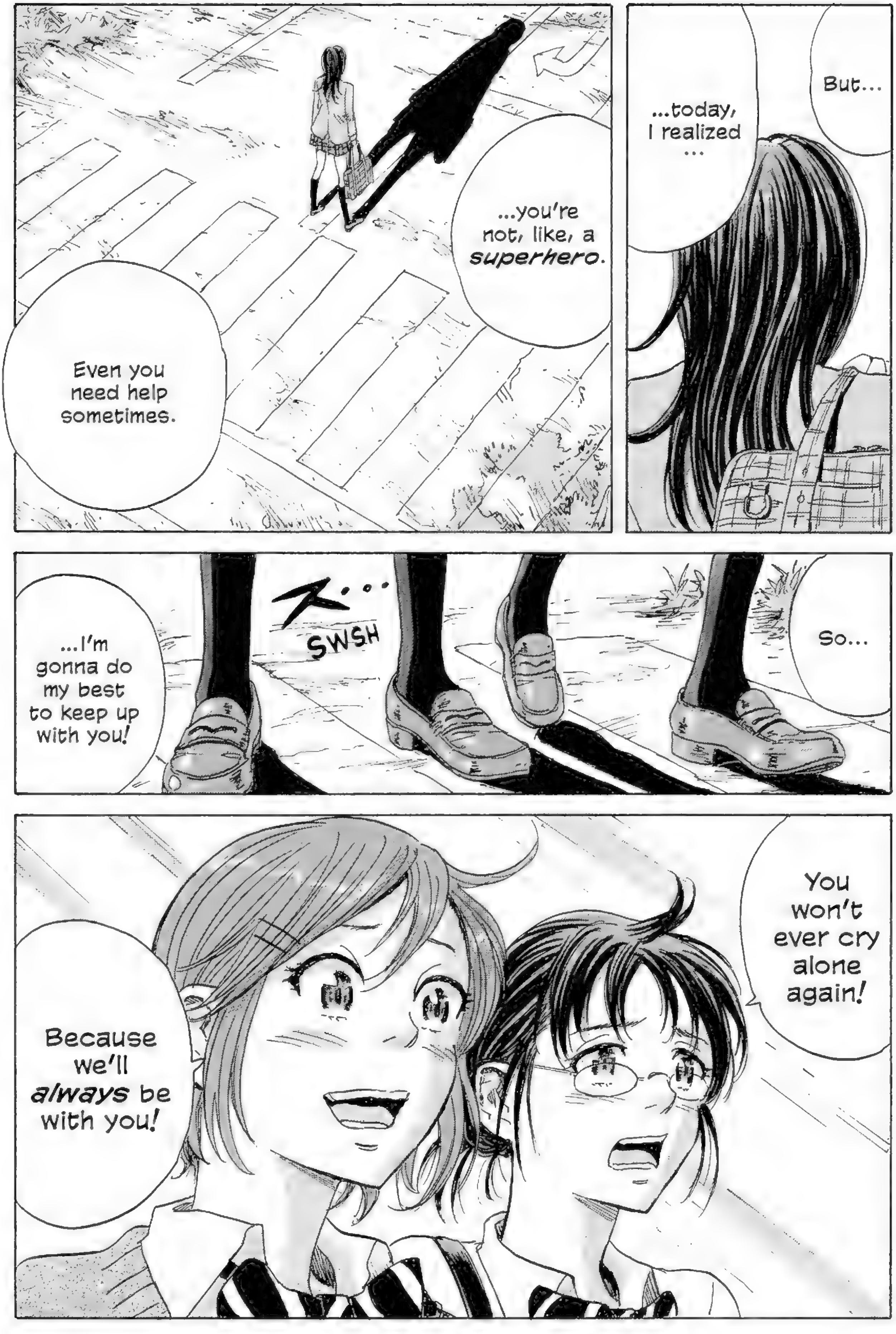

...and to this beautiful city.
Yes, Doctor...
Mr. VP...
...wouldn't you say...
...that *they* are more human than any of us?
I know just what you mean.

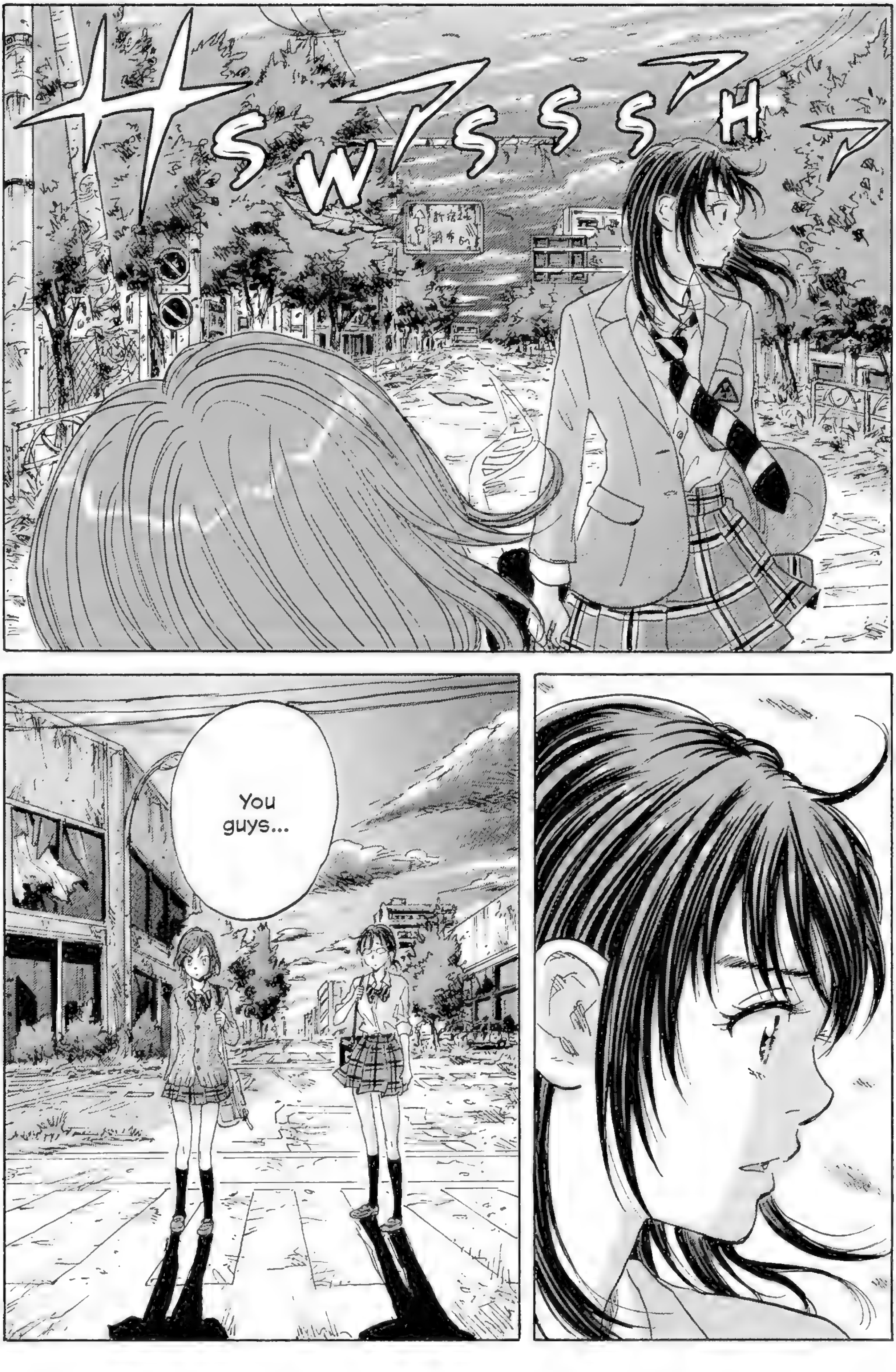

Ahhh…
And just like that, they're gone.
It's just…
…us three again.

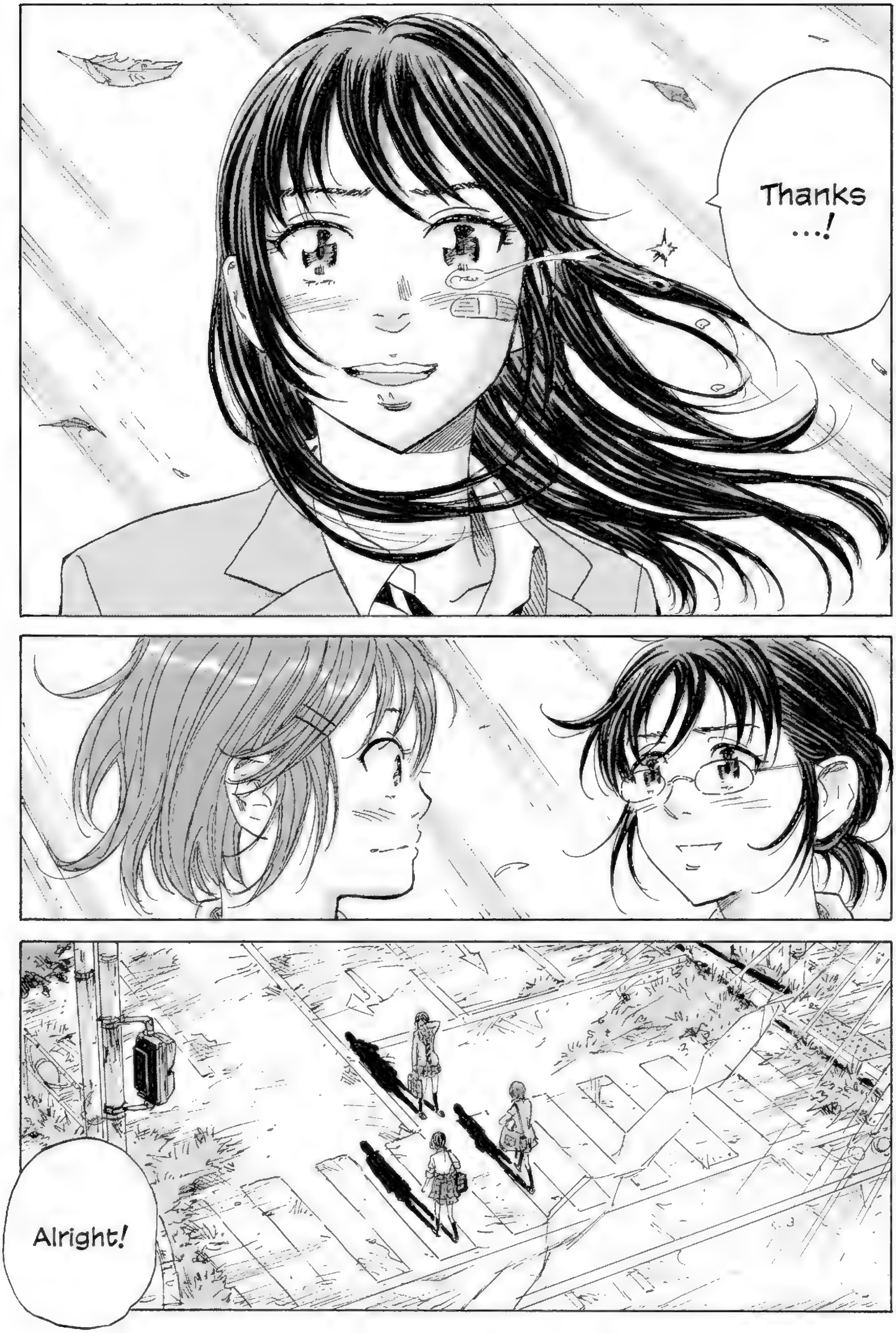

SHINKOGANEI HIGHWAY
Shinkoganei kaido
Oh, *fudge!*
?!
I forgot to ask 'im for an RV!
We don't *need* t'keep wanderin' around on our feet now that we got this list!
50
Well, whatever, I guess ...
Walkin's better for your health... an' we can see the sights along the way.
Now then...
...let's head downtown!

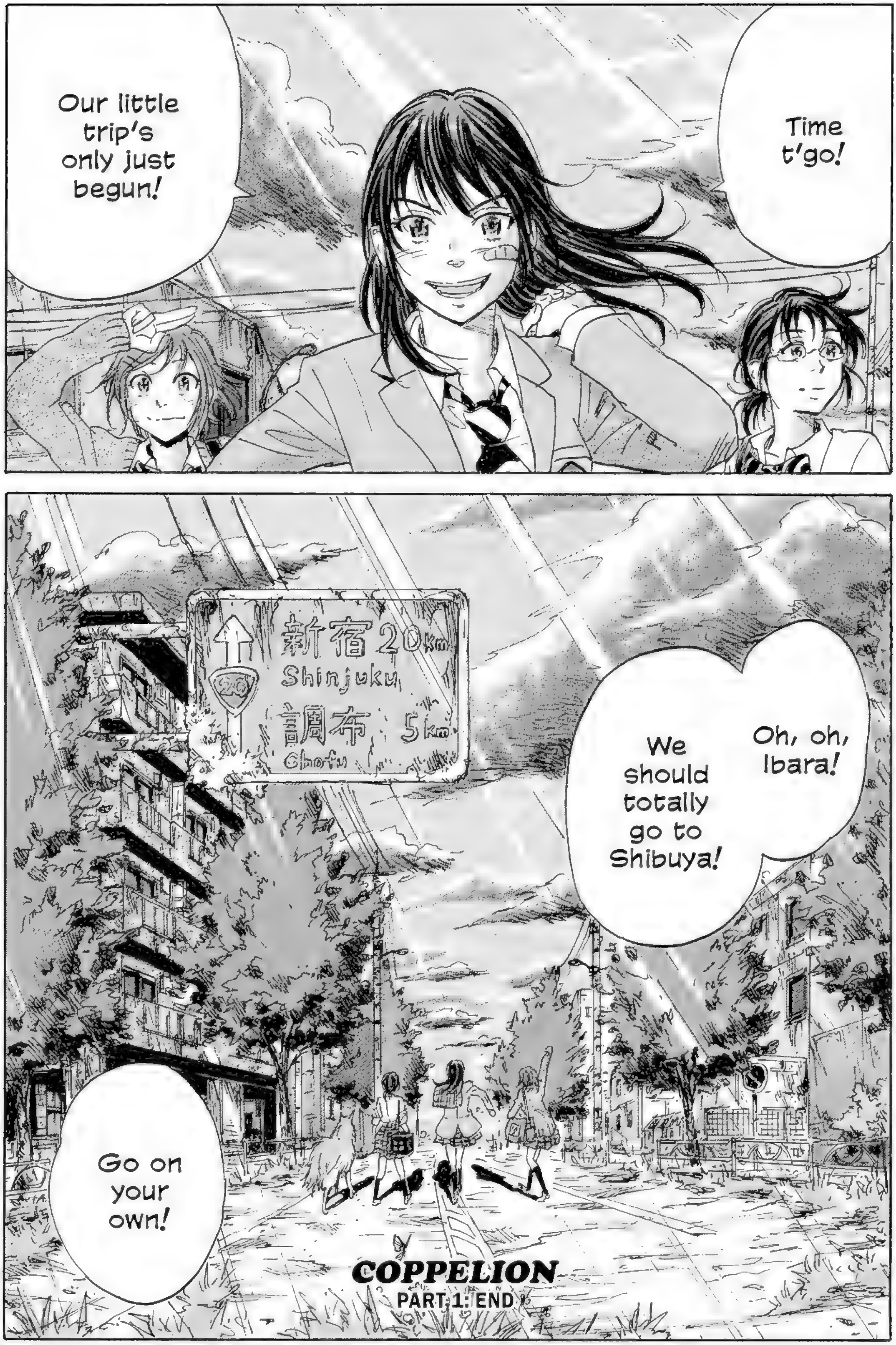

...
What's wrong? You guys tuckered out?
No helpin' that...
I'll take your bag.
Here, give it.
SWSH
Give it, you idiot!
No way! This's *mine* to carry!
BLEEEH
You're only makin' me want it more!
Hand it over!
FWAP
Nooo! Your bag is already too heavy!
FWAP
FWAP
Um... Ibara...


I think ...
...you shouldn't push yourself so much any longer.
Huh ...?
Push myself ?
I...
I dunno what you're goin' on about...
What-ever!
Let's just go!
We're *all* Coppelion, Ibara!
I know I'm pretty much useless compared to you...
Maybe I'm just dead weight...


But...
...today, I realized ...
...you're not, like, a *superhero*.
Even you need help sometimes.
So...
SWSH
...I'm gonna do my best to keep up with you!
You won't ever cry alone again!
Because we'll *always* be with you!


SWISSSH
You guys...


Thanks
...!
Alright!

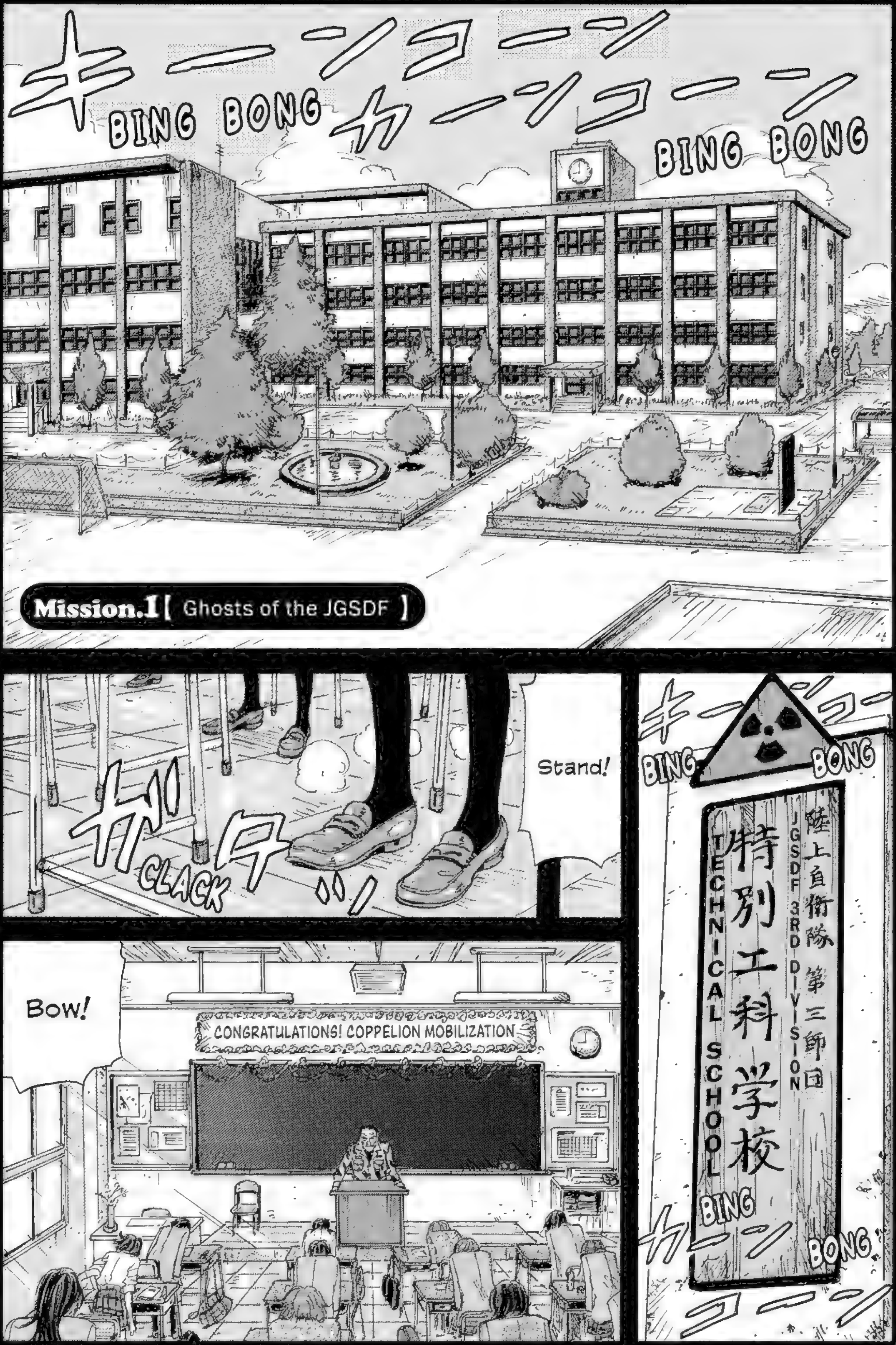

Time t'go!
Our little trip's only just begun!
新宿 20km
Shinjuku
20
調布 5km
Chofu
Oh, oh, Ibara!
We should totally go to Shibuya!
Go on your own!
COPPELION
PART 1: END

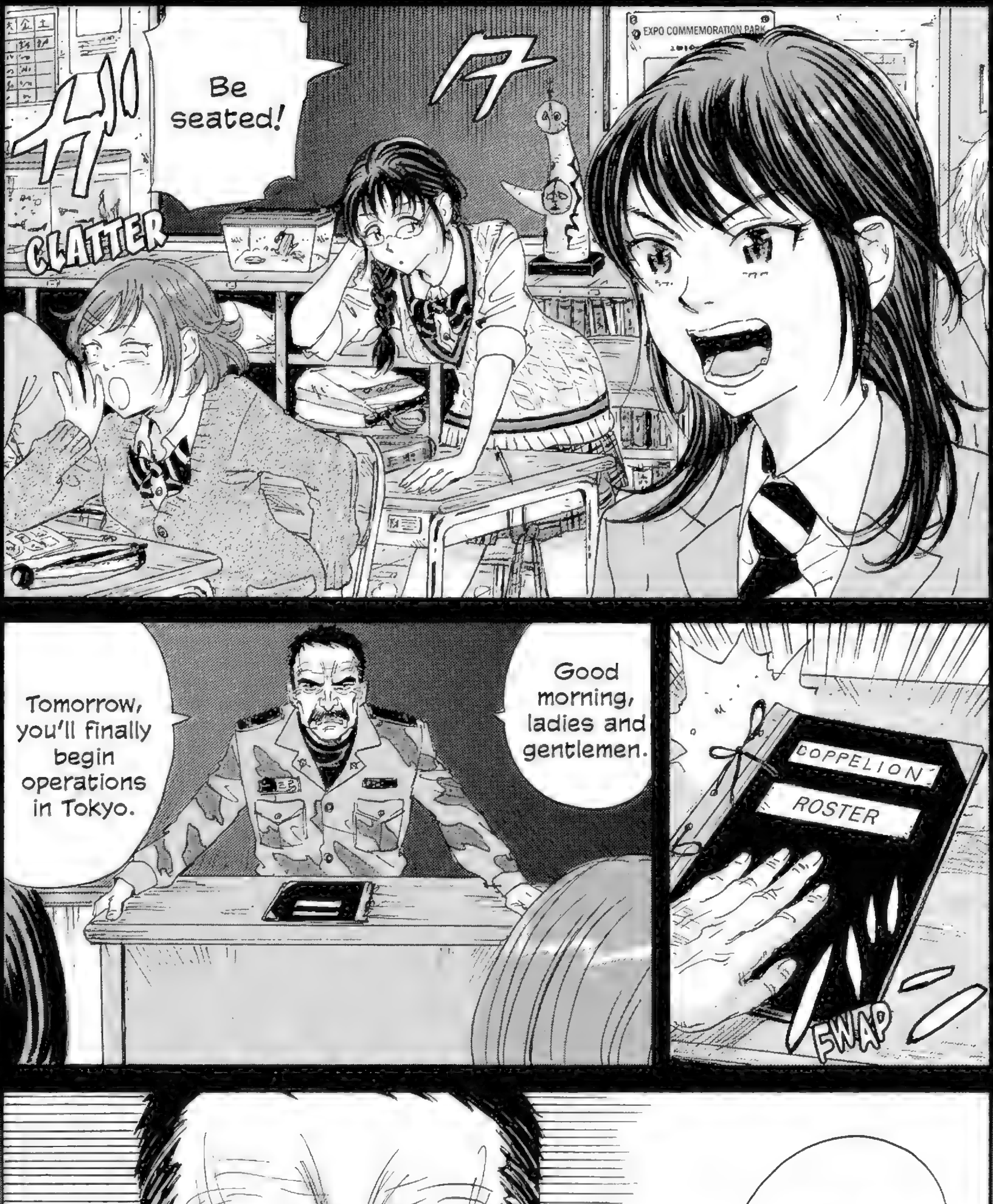
COPPELION

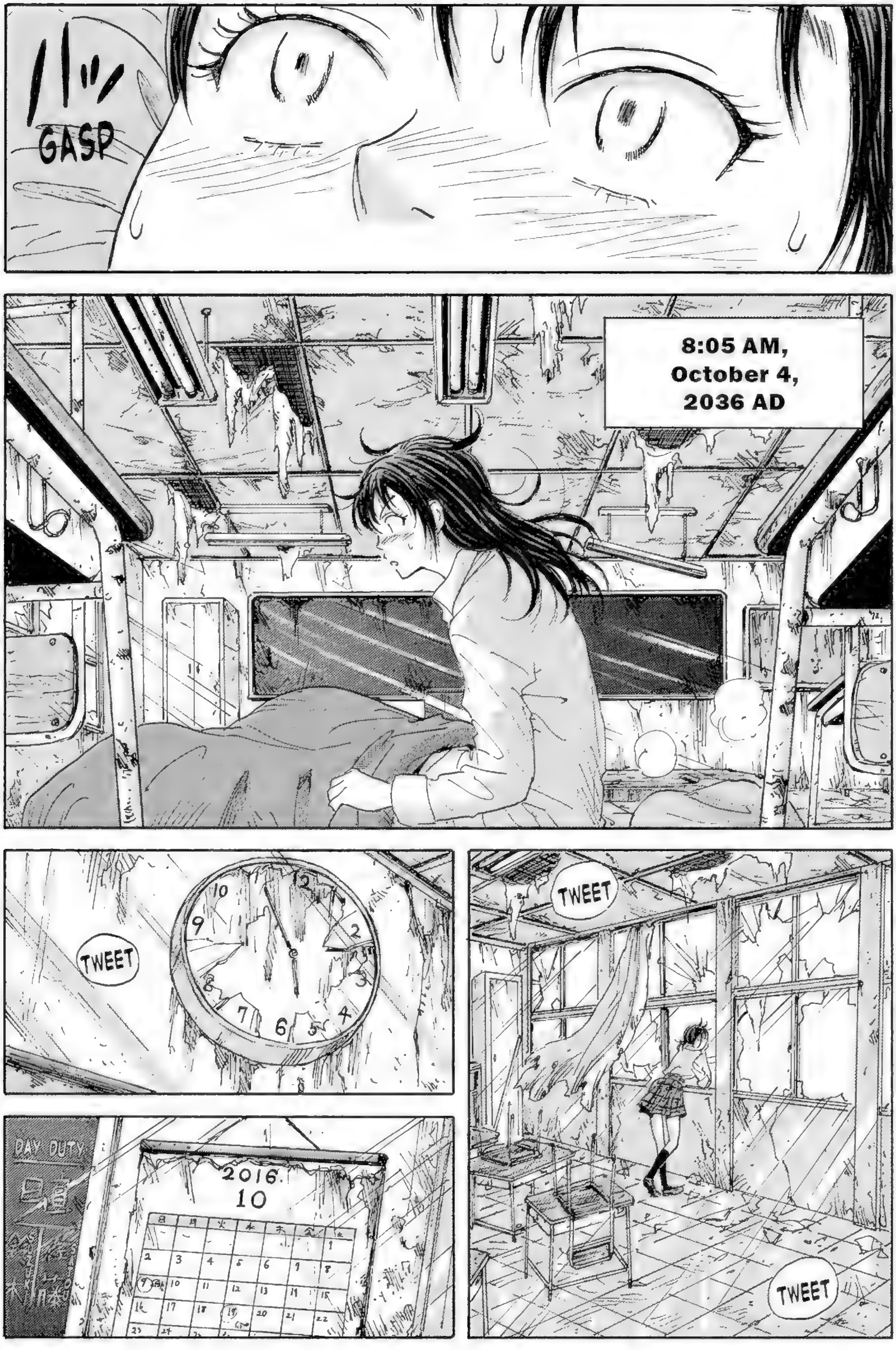
PART 2

陸上自衛隊第三師団
特別工科学校
許可なく、
侵入を

Mission.1 [Ghosts of the JGSDF]


キーンコーン
BING BONG
カーンコーン
BING BONG
ガタ
CLACK
Stand!
キーンコーン
BING BONG
陸上自衛隊 第三師団
JGSDF 3RD DIVISION
特別工科学校
TECHNICAL SCHOOL
BING BONG
カーンコーン
Bow!
CONGRATULATIONS! COPPELION MOBILIZATION


EXPO COMMEMORATION PARK
タ
Be seated!
ガ
CLATTER
DOPPELION
ROSTER
FWAP
Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.
Tomorrow, you'll finally begin operations in Tokyo.
This will be your final roll call.


ハッ
GASP
8:05 AM,
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TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
DAY DUTY
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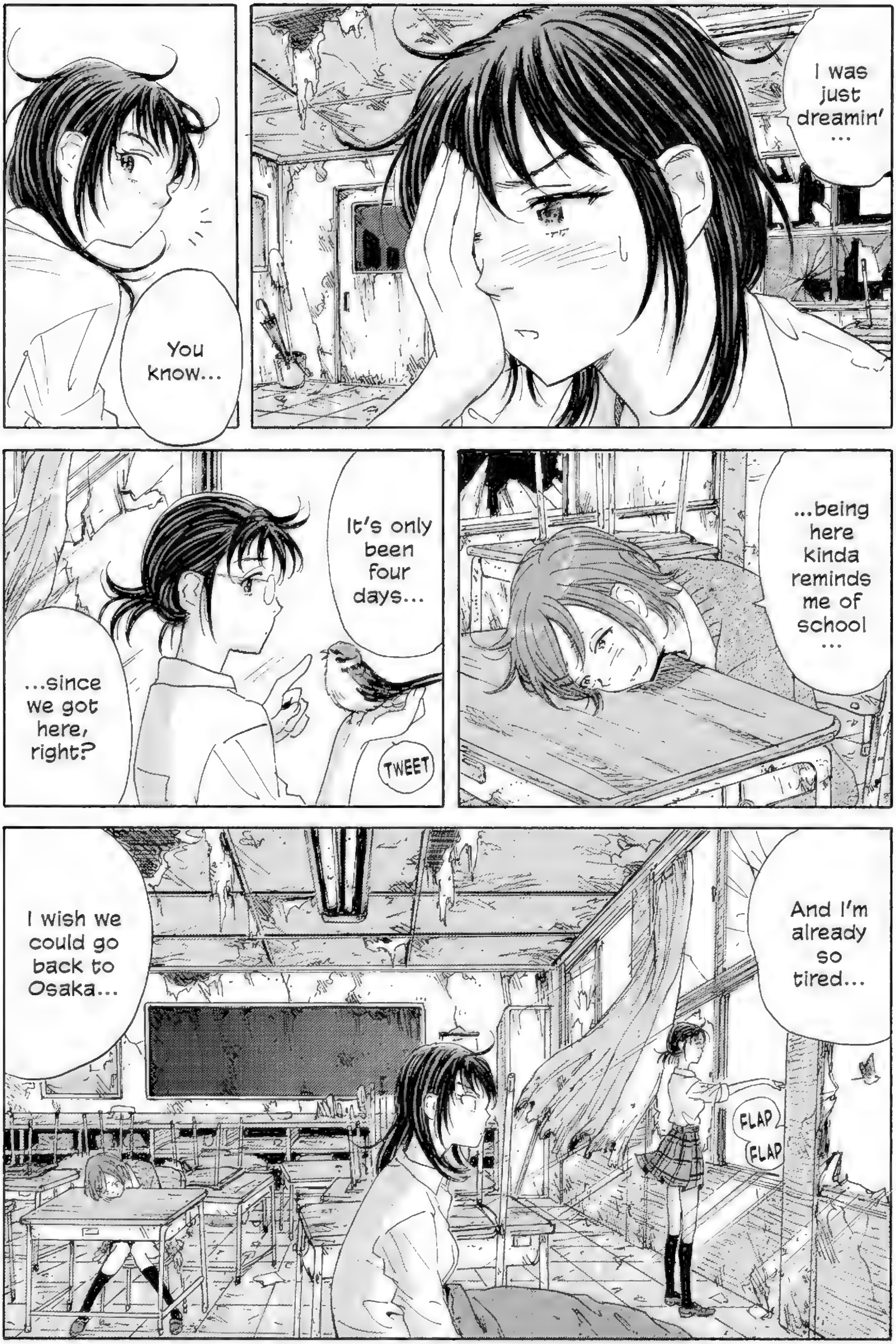
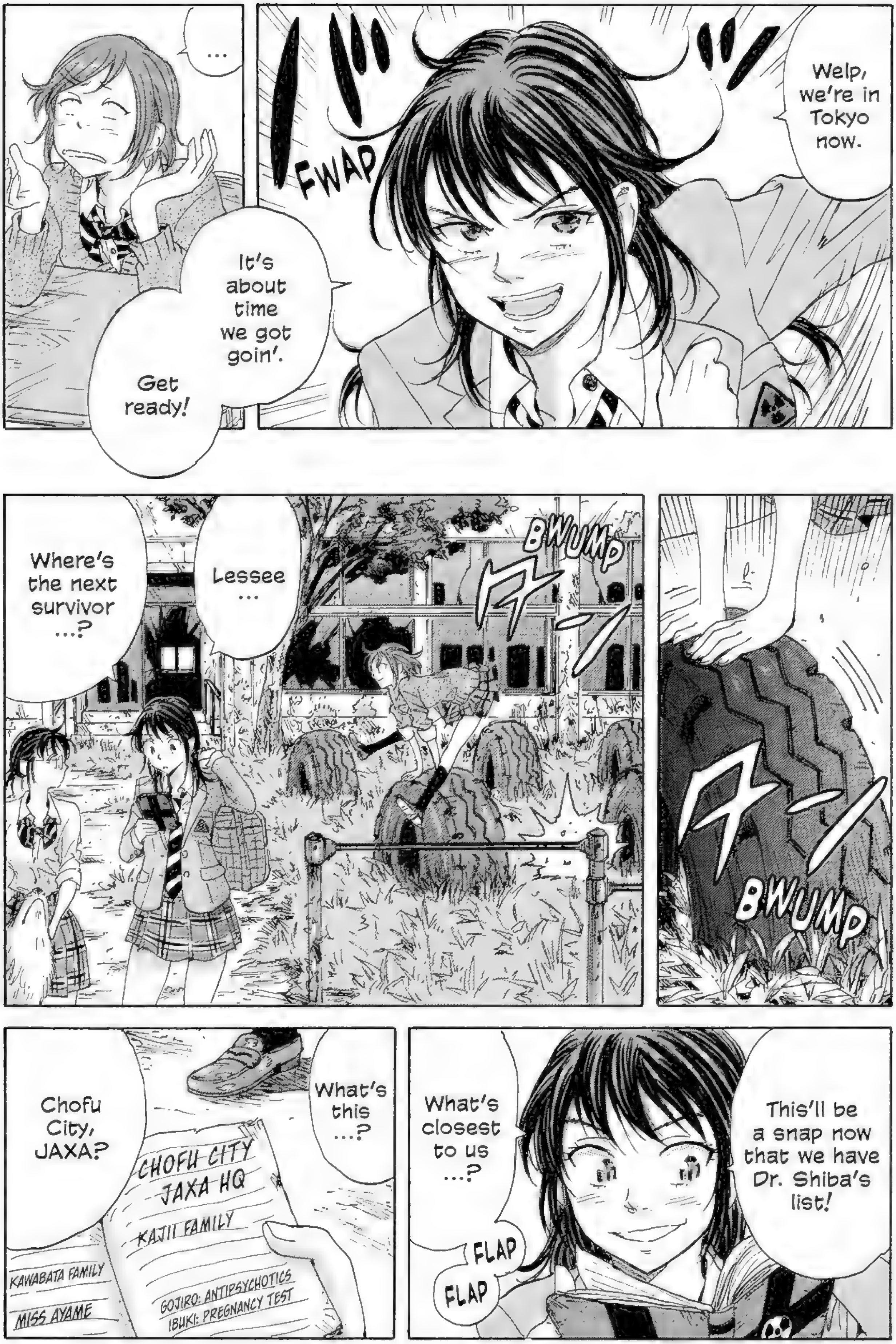
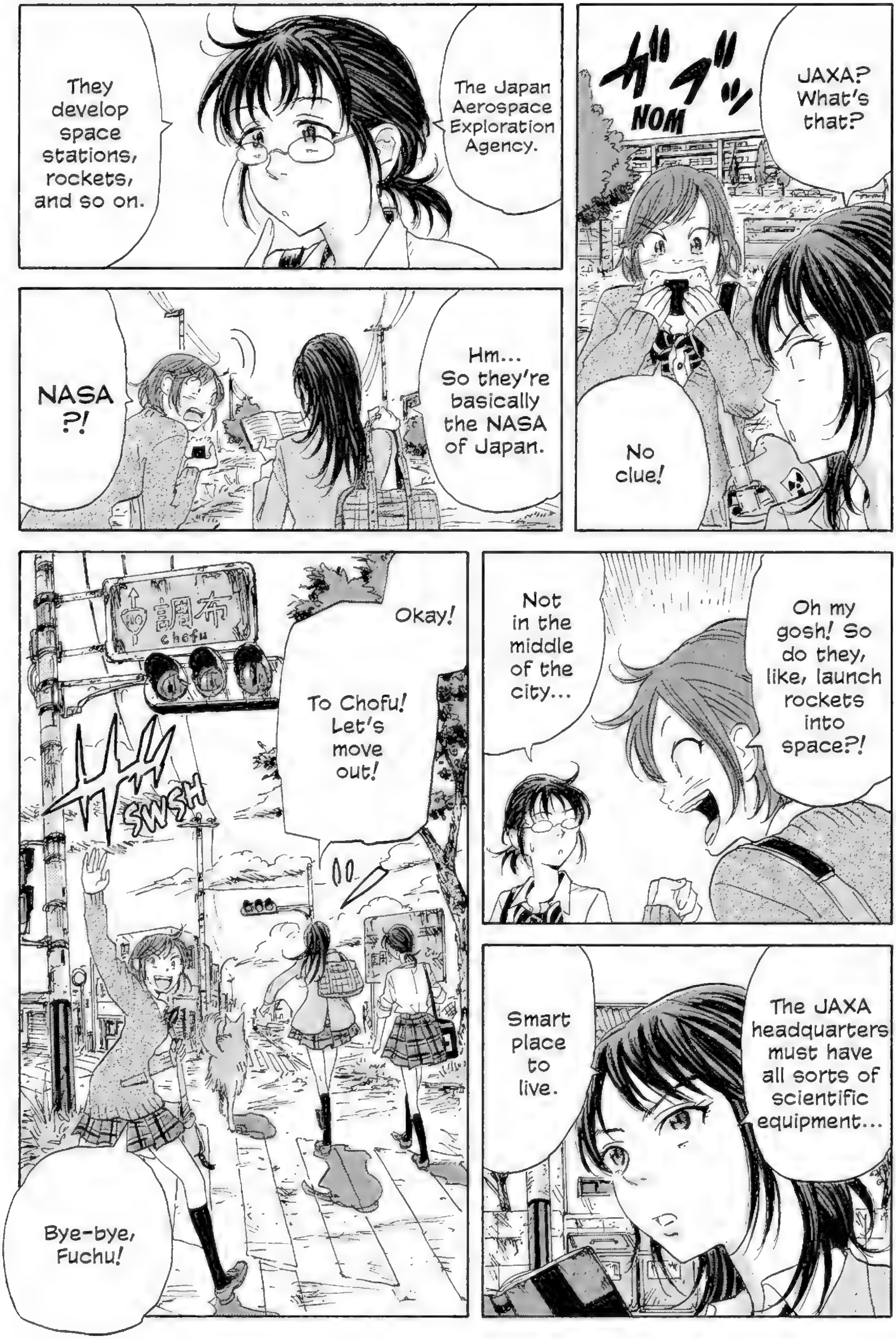
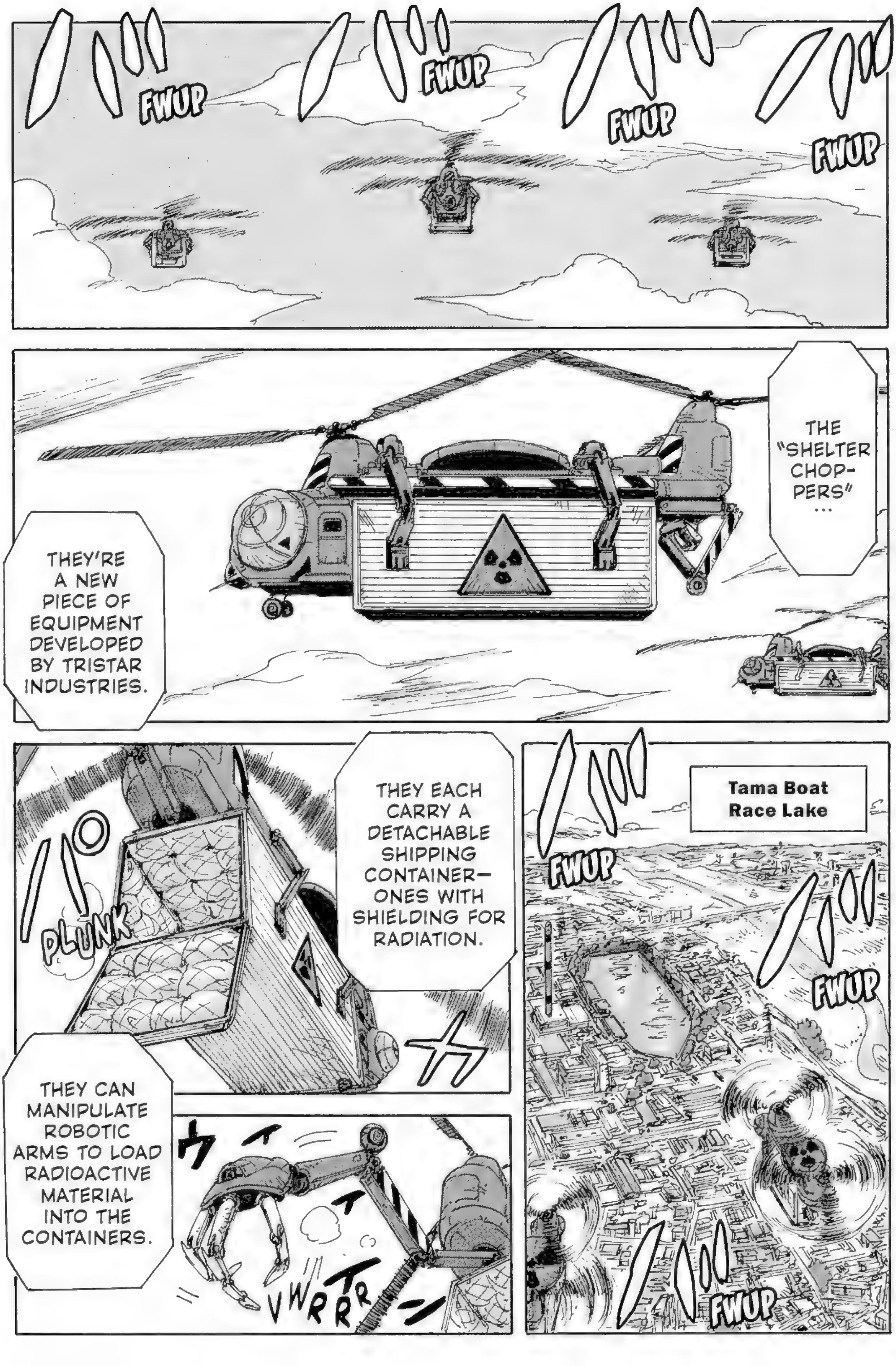
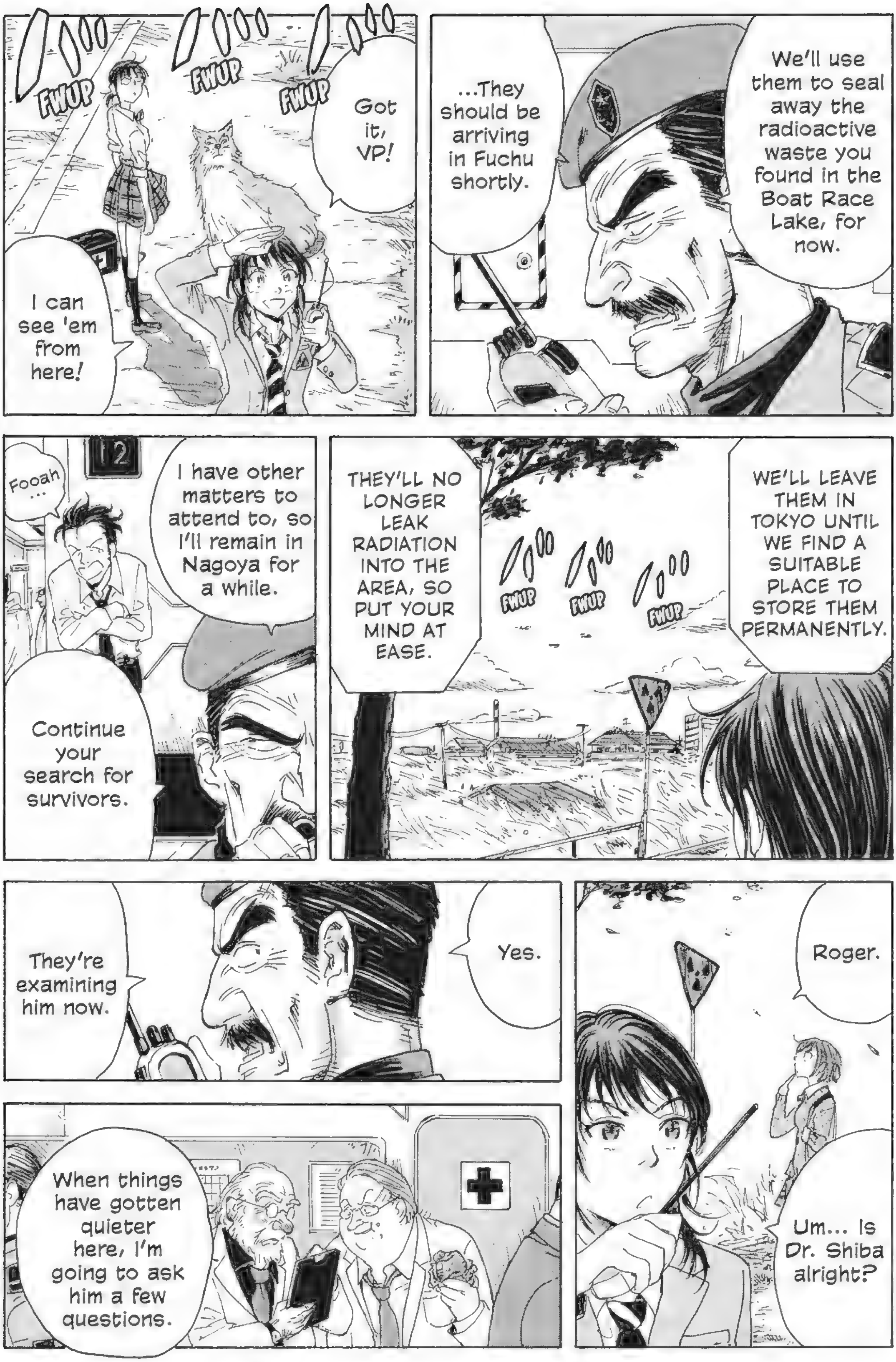
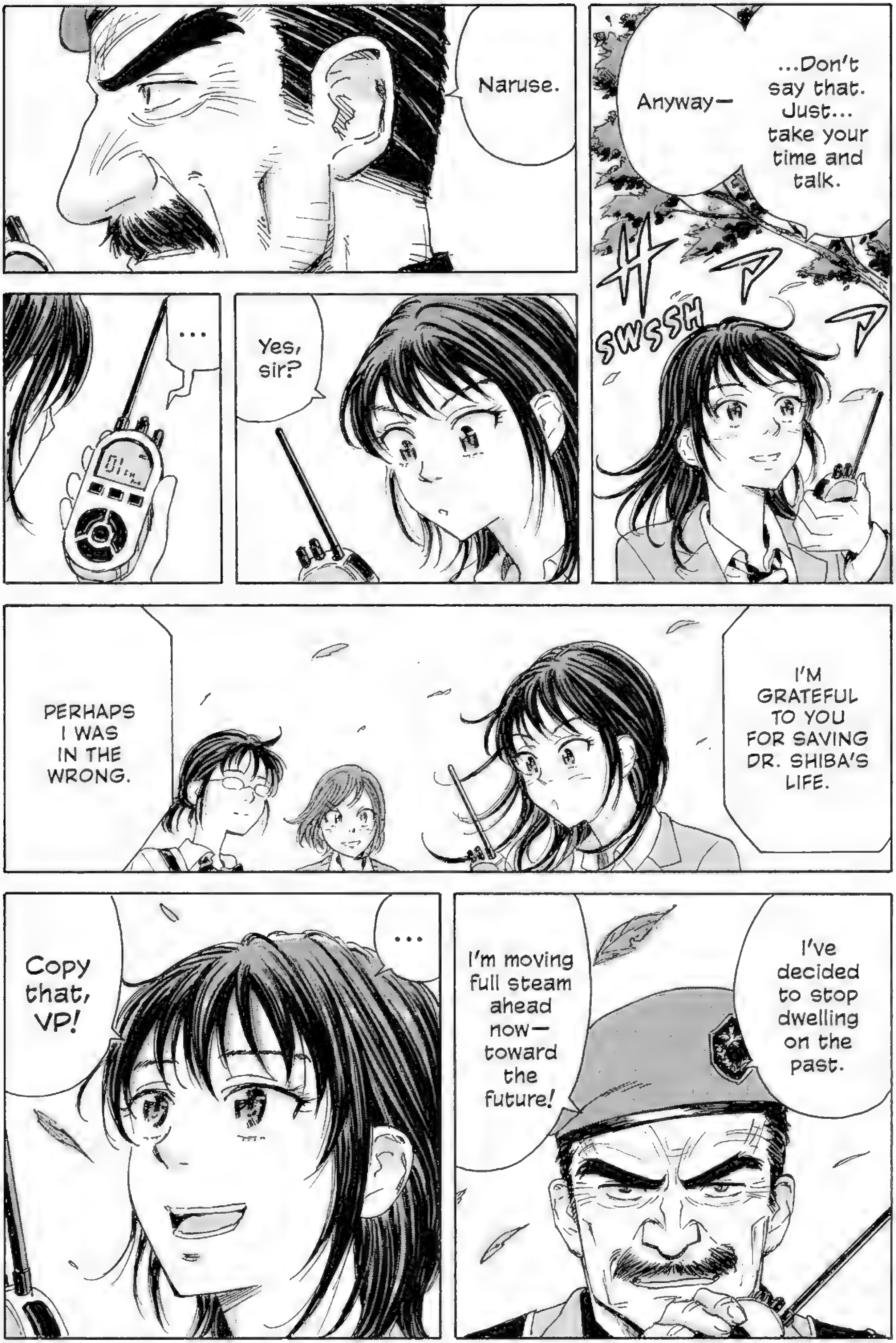

I was just dreamin' …
You know…
…being here kinda reminds me of school …
It's only been four days…
…since we got here, right?
TWEET
And I'm already so tired…
FLAP
FLAP
I wish we could go back to Osaka…

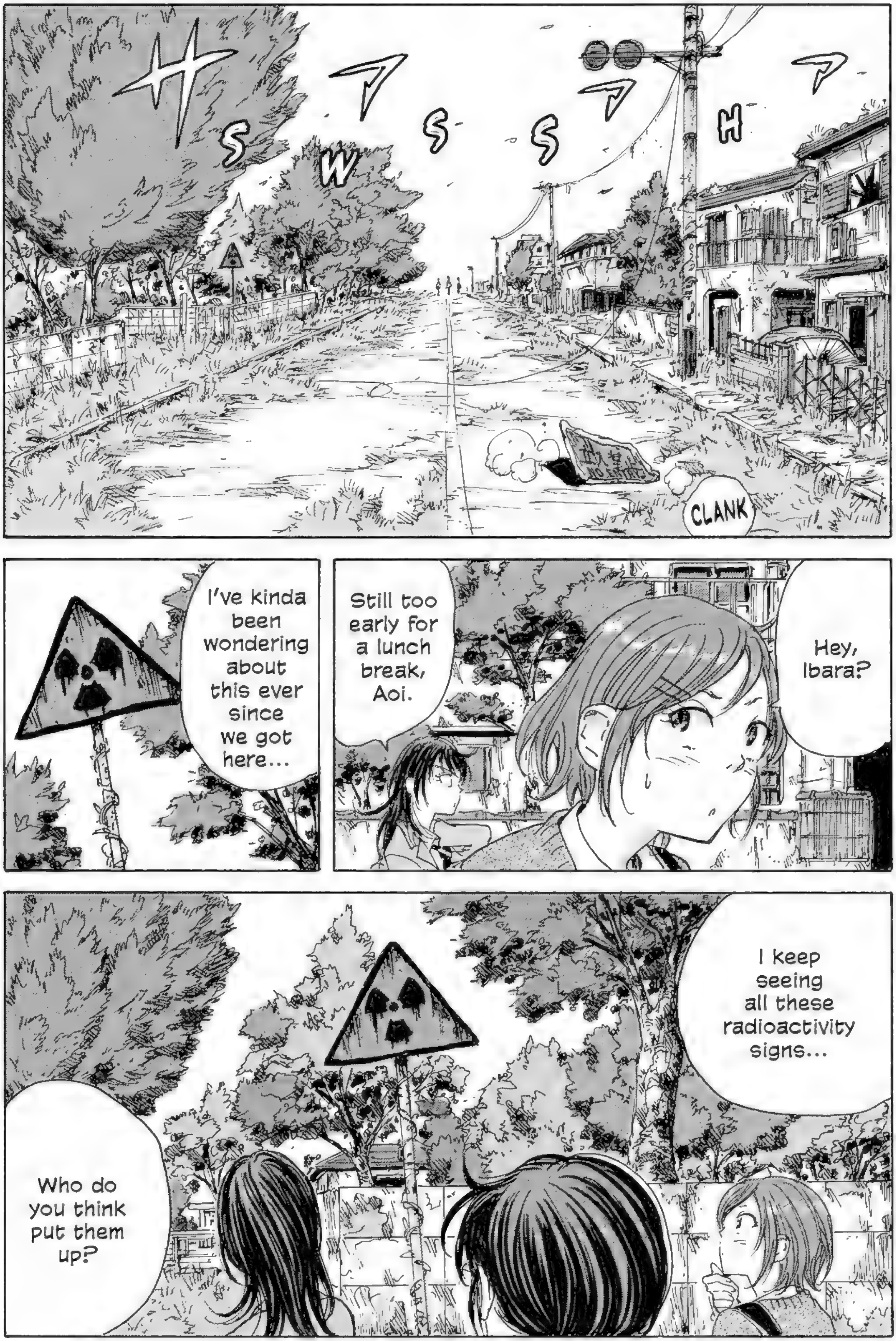

FWAP
Welp, we're in Tokyo now.
It's about time we got goin'.
Get ready!
…
BWUMP
BWUMP
Lessee …
Where's the next survivor …?
This'll be a snap now that we have Dr. Shiba's list!
What's closest to us …?
FLAP
FLAP
What's this …?
Chofu City, JAXA?
CHOFU CITY JAXA HQ
KAJII FAMILY
KAWABATA FAMILY
MISS AYAME
GOJIRO: ANTIPSYCHOTICS
IBUKI: PREGNANCY TEST

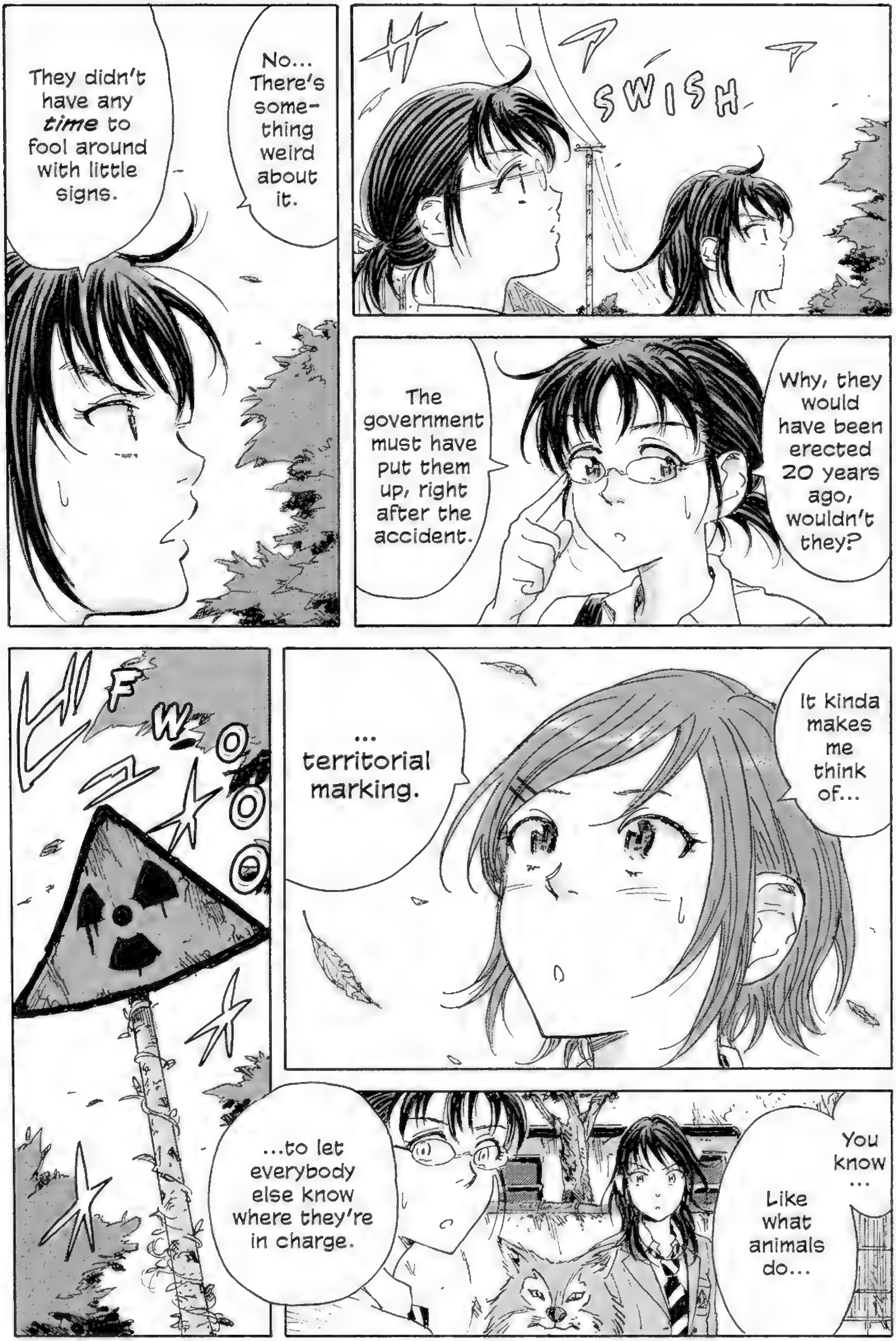

ガブッ
NOM
JAXA? What's that?
No clue!
The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency.
They develop space stations, rockets, and so on.
Hm... So they're basically the NASA of Japan.
NASA ?!
Oh my gosh! So do they, like, launch rockets into space?!
Not in the middle of the city...
The JAXA headquarters must have all sorts of scientific equipment...
Smart place to live.
調布
chofu
Okay!
To Chofu! Let's move out!
SWSH
Bye-bye, Fuchu!

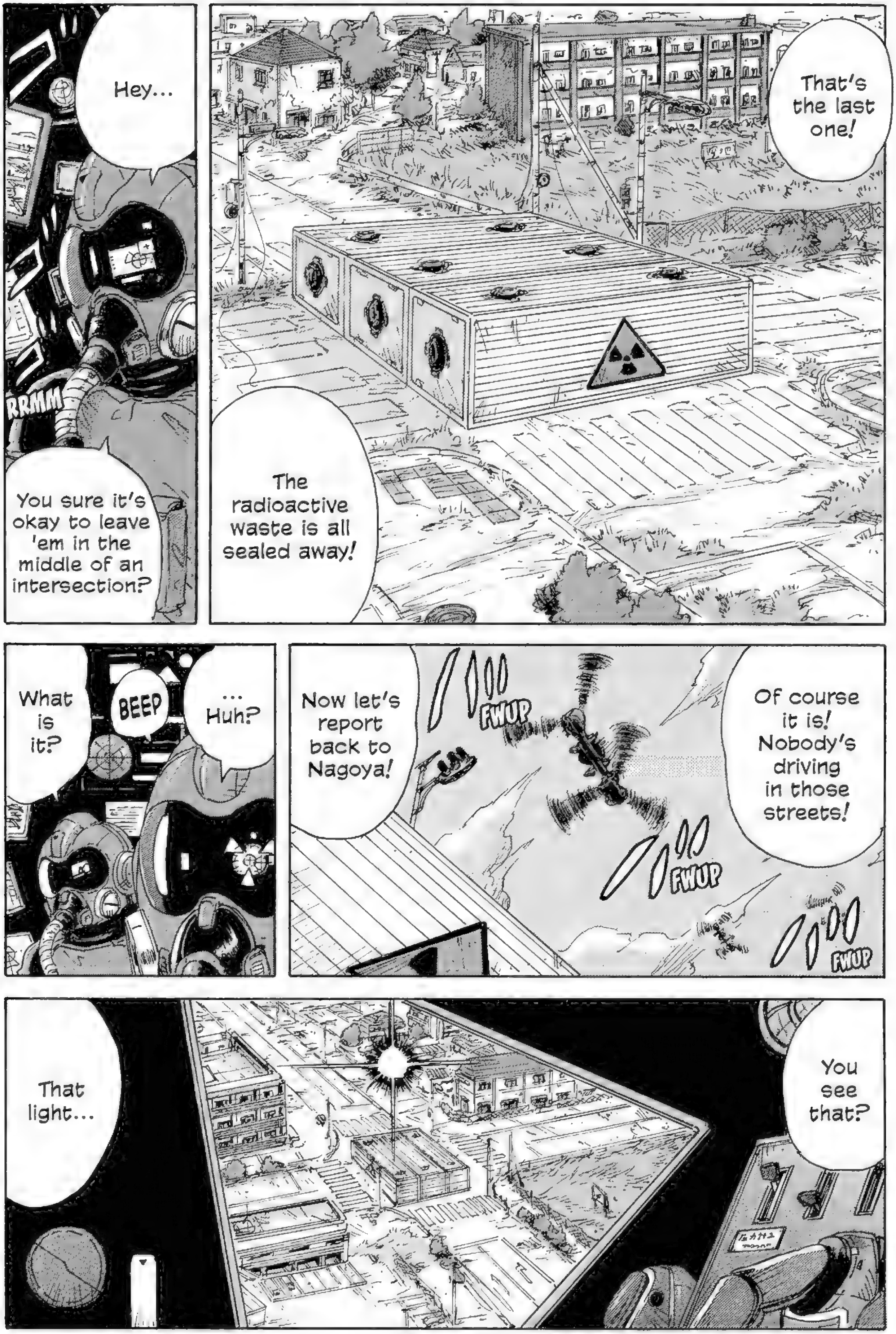

FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
THE "SHELTER CHOPPERS"...
THEY'RE A NEW PIECE OF EQUIPMENT DEVELOPED BY TRISTAR INDUSTRIES.
Tama Boat Race Lake
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
THEY EACH CARRY A DETACHABLE SHIPPING CONTAINER—ONES WITH SHIELDING FOR RADIATION.
PLUNK
THEY CAN MANIPULATE ROBOTIC ARMS TO LOAD RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL INTO THE CONTAINERS.
ウイーン
VWRRR

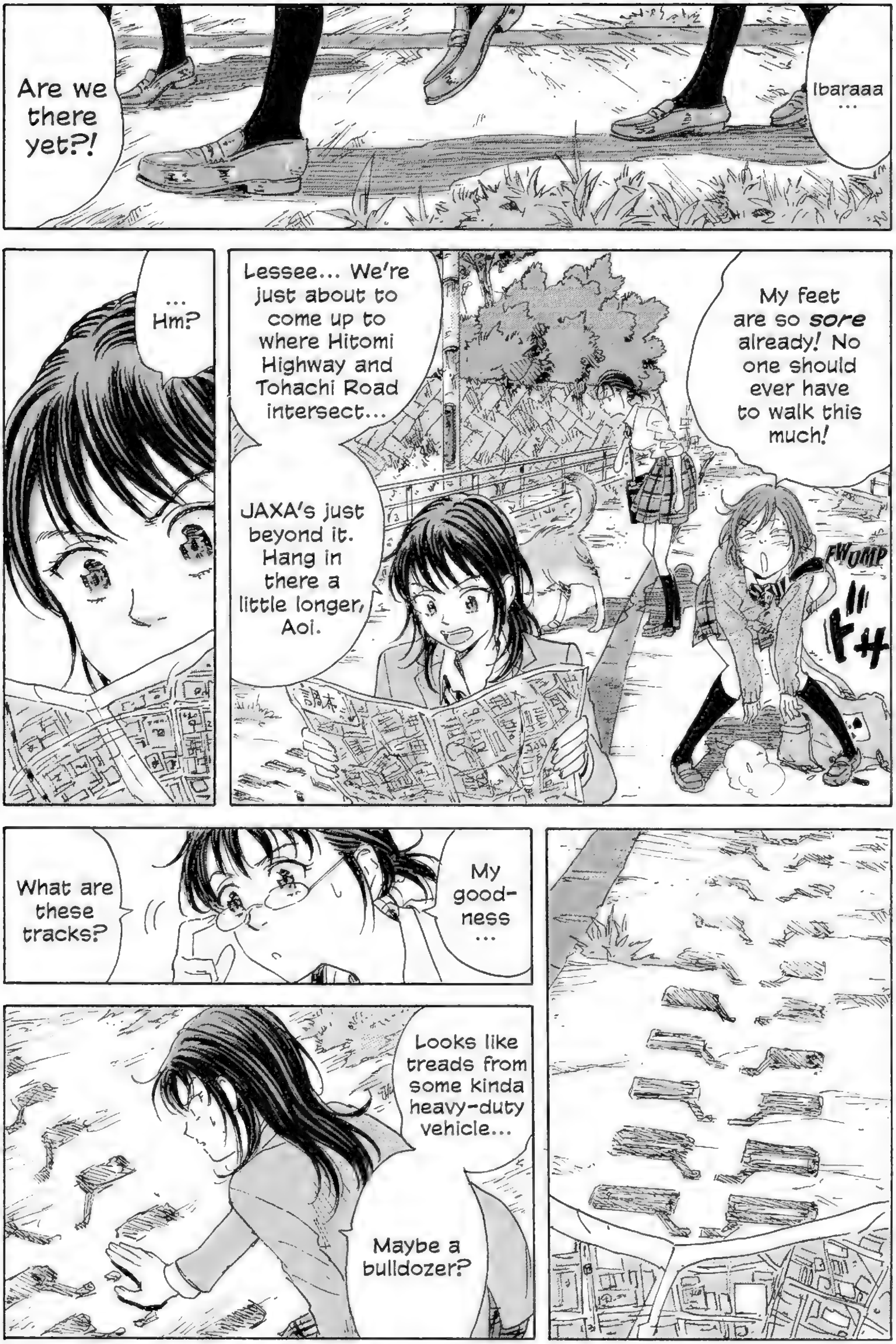

We'll use them to seal away the radioactive waste you found in the Boat Race Lake, for now.
...They should be arriving in Fuchu shortly.
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Got it, VP!
I can see 'em from here!
WE'LL LEAVE THEM IN TOKYO UNTIL WE FIND A SUITABLE PLACE TO STORE THEM PERMANENTLY.
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
THEY'LL NO LONGER LEAK RADIATION INTO THE AREA, SO PUT YOUR MIND AT EASE.
I have other matters to attend to, so I'll remain in Nagoya for a while.
Fooah...
12
Continue your search for survivors.
Roger.
Um... Is Dr. Shiba alright?
Yes.
They're examining him now.
When things have gotten quieter here, I'm going to ask him a few questions.

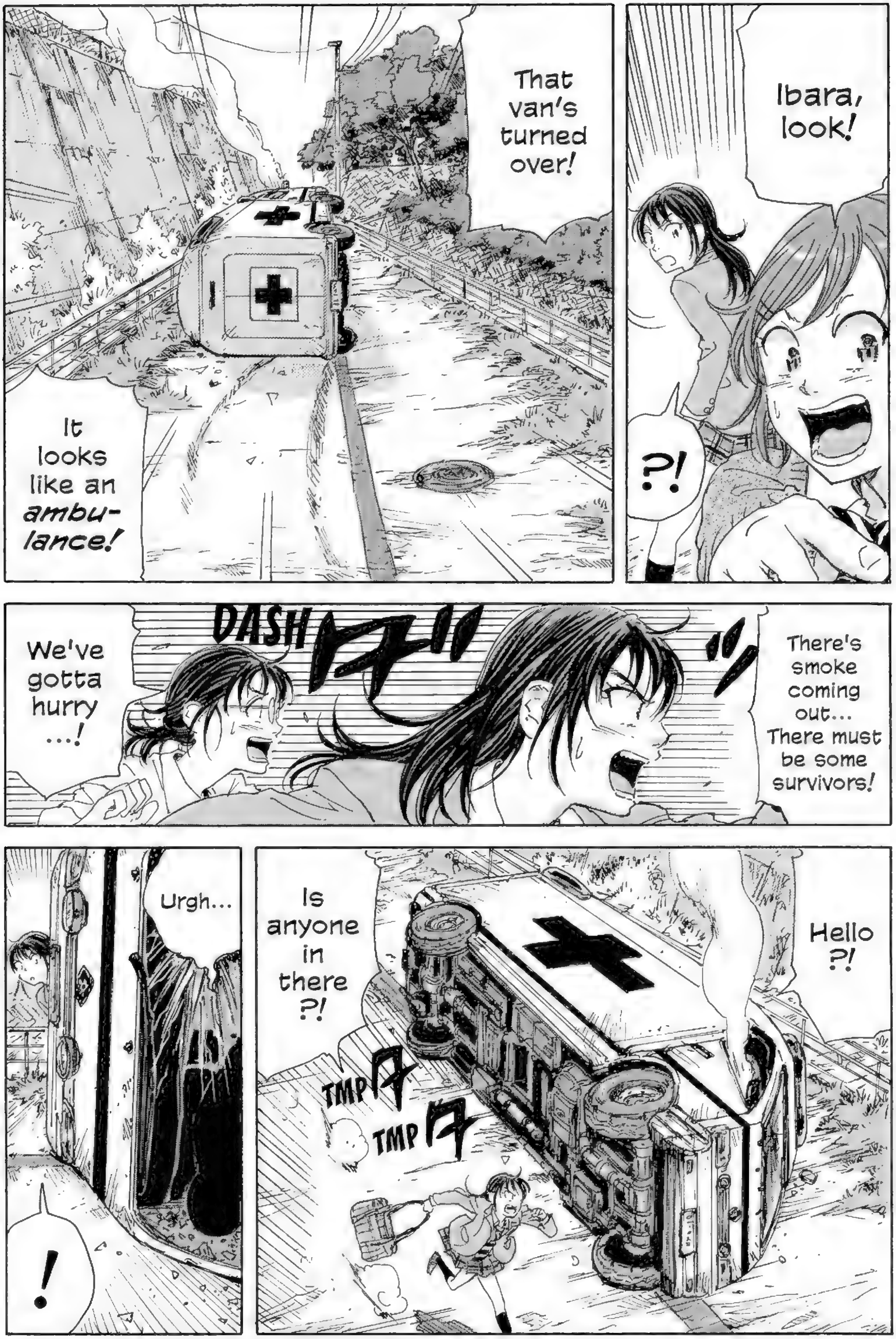

...Don't say that. Just... take your time and talk.
Anyway—
ハアア
SWSSH
Naruse.
Yes, sir?
...
I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR SAVING DR. SHIBA'S LIFE.
PERHAPS I WAS IN THE WRONG.
I've decided to stop dwelling on the past.
I'm moving full steam ahead now—toward the future!
...
Copy that, VP!

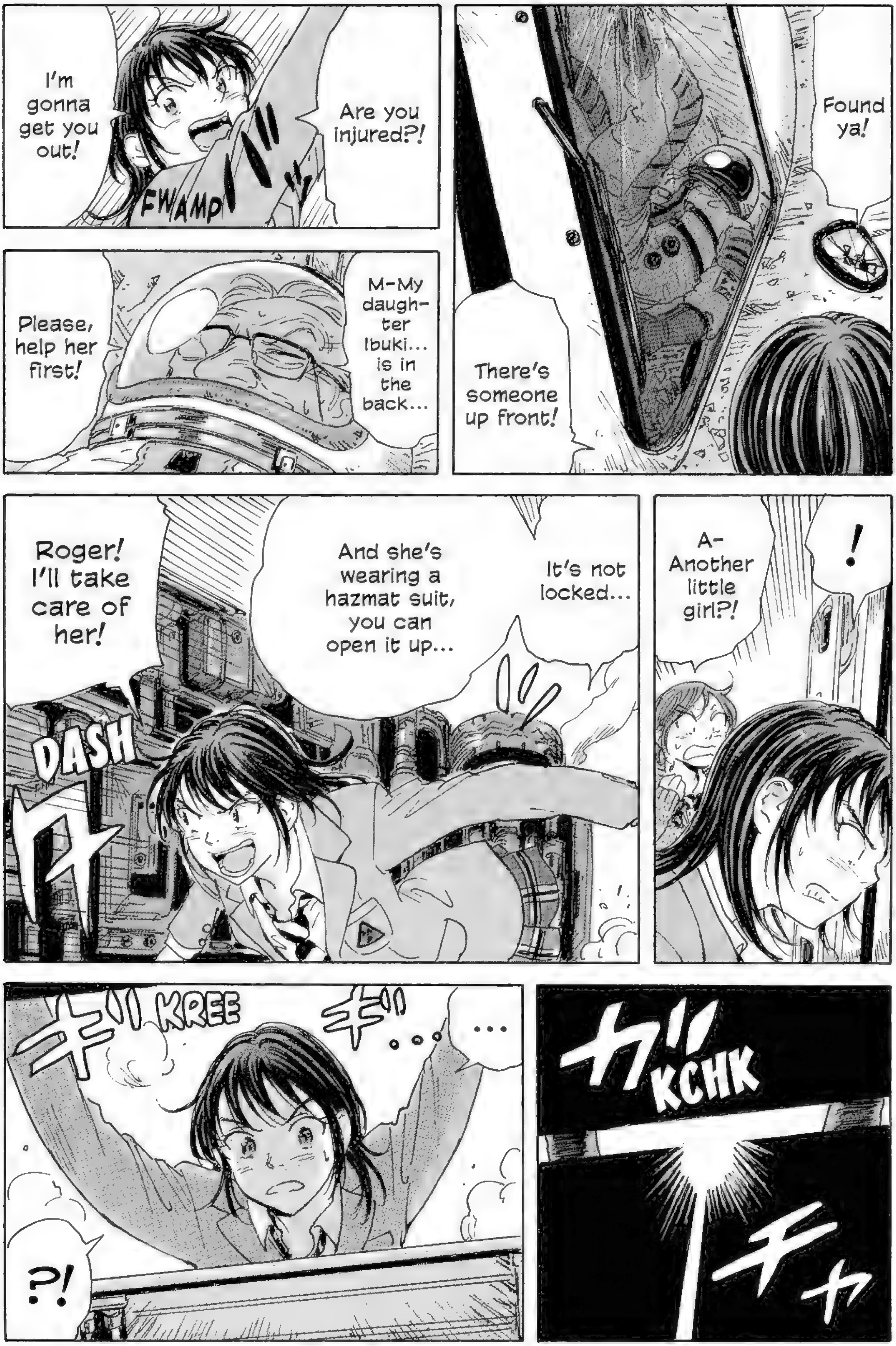

サアアア
SWSSH
NO ENTRY
CLANK
Hey, Ibara?
Still too early for a lunch break, Aoi.
I've kinda been wondering about this ever since we got here...
I keep seeing all these radioactivity signs...
Who do you think put them up?


SWISH
Why, they would have been erected 20 years ago, wouldn't they?
The government must have put them up, right after the accident.
No... There's something weird about it.
They didn't have any *time* to fool around with little signs.
It kinda makes me think of...
... territorial marking.
You know...
Like what animals do...
...to let everybody else know where they're in charge.
FWOOO


That's the last one!
The radioactive waste is all sealed away!
Hey...
RRMM
You sure it's okay to leave 'em in the middle of an intersection?
Of course it is! Nobody's driving in those streets!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Now let's report back to Nagoya!
... Huh?
BEEP
What is it?
You see that?
That light...


Ibaraaa…
Are we there yet?!
My feet are so *sore* already! No one should ever have to walk this much!
FWUMP
ドサ
Lessee… We're just about to come up to where Hitomi Highway and Tohachi Road intersect…
JAXA's just beyond it. Hang in there a little longer, Aoi.
… Hm?
My goodness…
What are these tracks?
Looks like treads from some kinda heavy-duty vehicle…
Maybe a bulldozer?


Ibara, look!
?!
That van's turned over!
It looks like an *ambulance!*
There's smoke coming out... There must be some survivors!
DASH
We've gotta hurry...!
Hello?!
Is anyone in there?!
TMP
TMP
Urgh...
!


Found ya!
There's someone up front!
Are you injured?!
I'm gonna get you out!
FWAMP
M-My daughter Ibuki... is in the back...
Please, help her first!
!
A-Another little girl?!
It's not locked...
And she's wearing a hazmat suit, you can open it up...
Roger! I'll take care of her!
DASH
ダ
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KCHK
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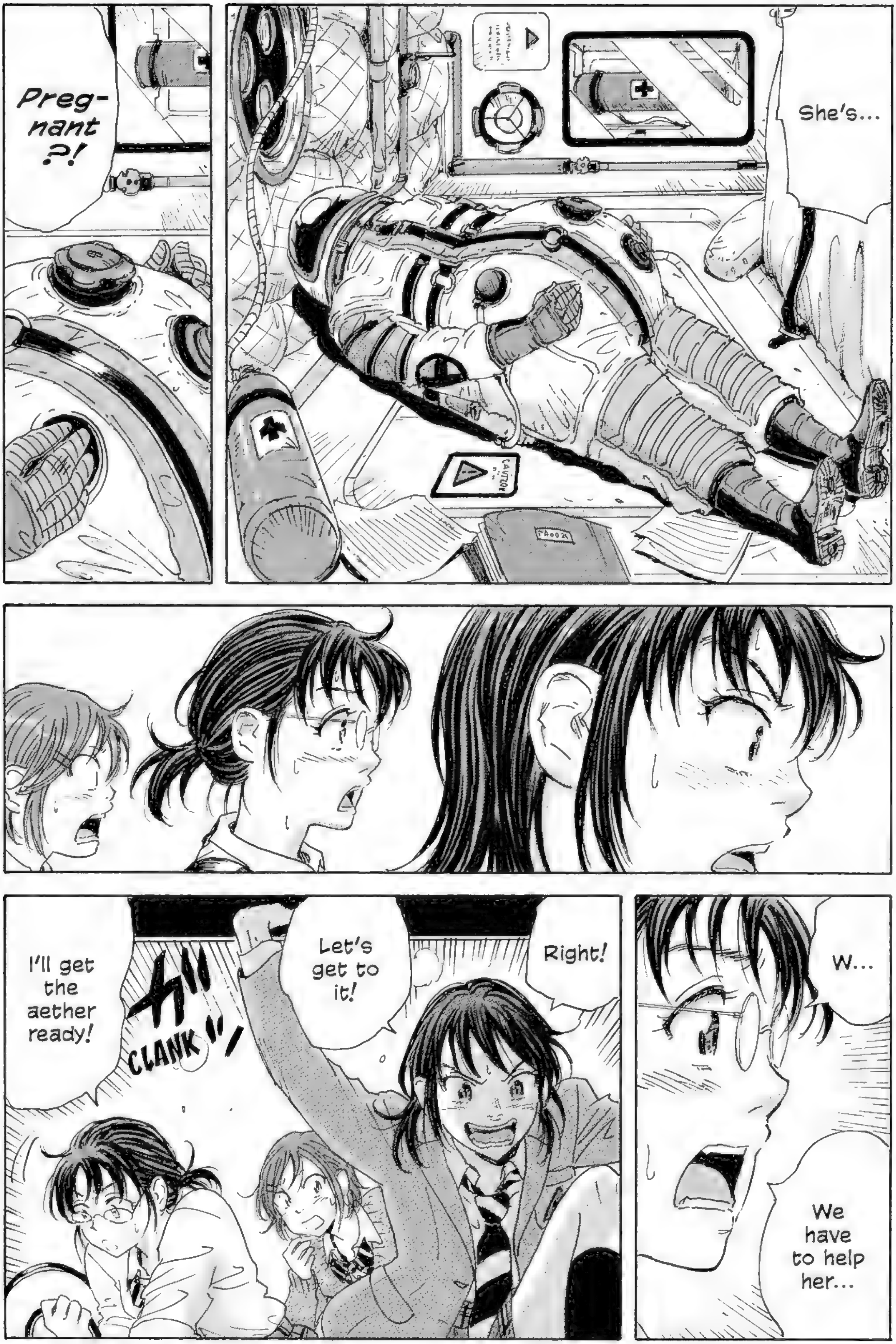
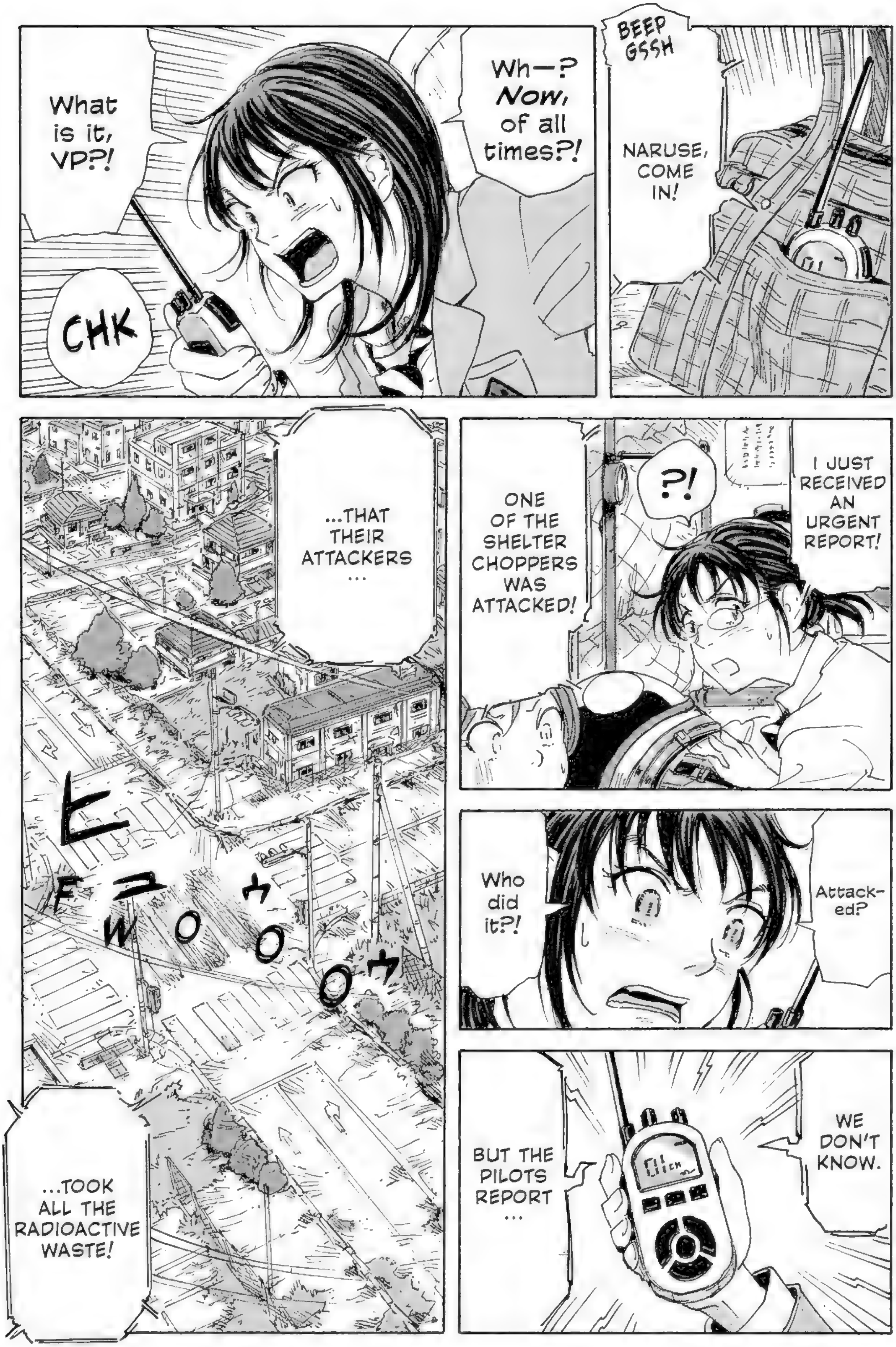
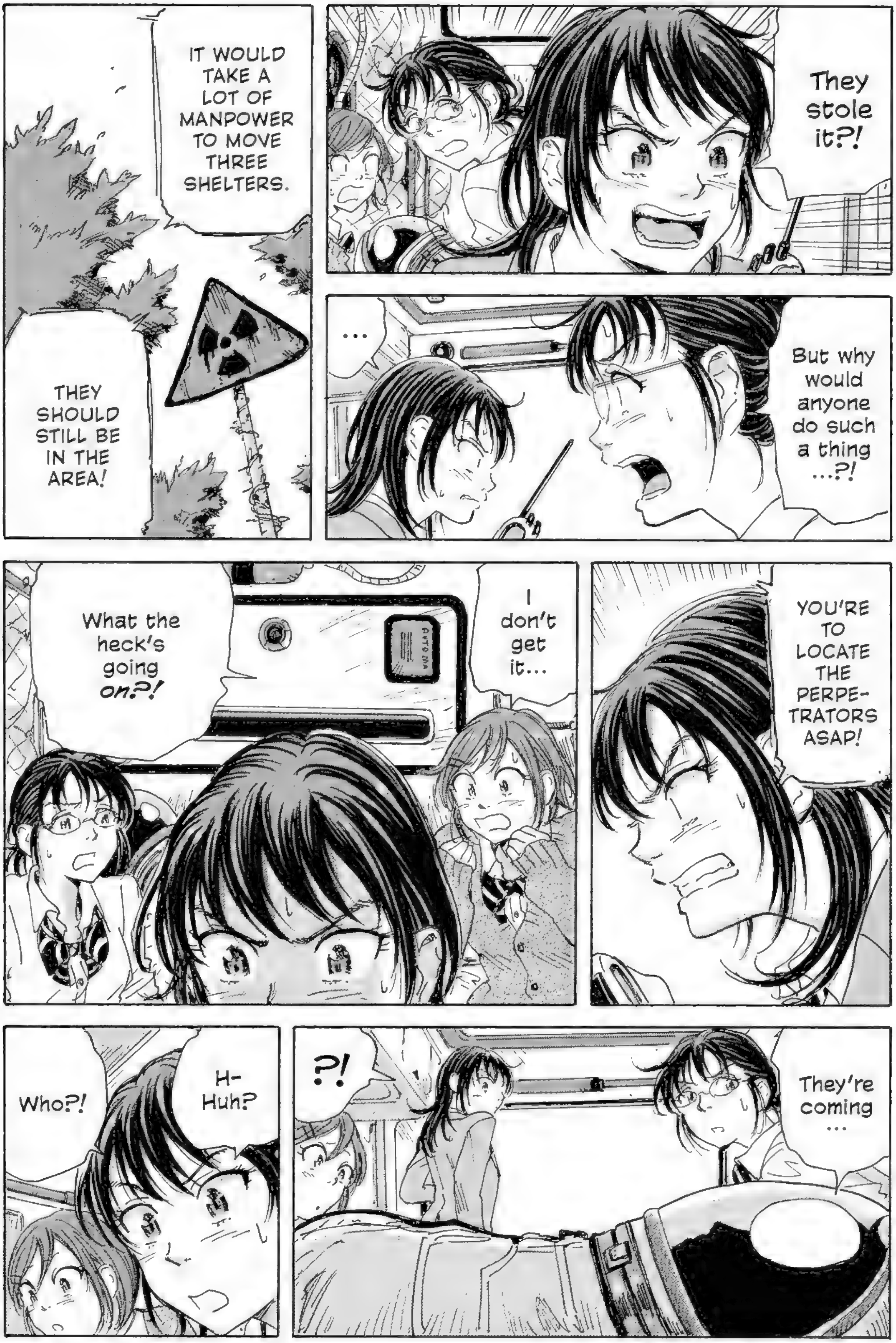
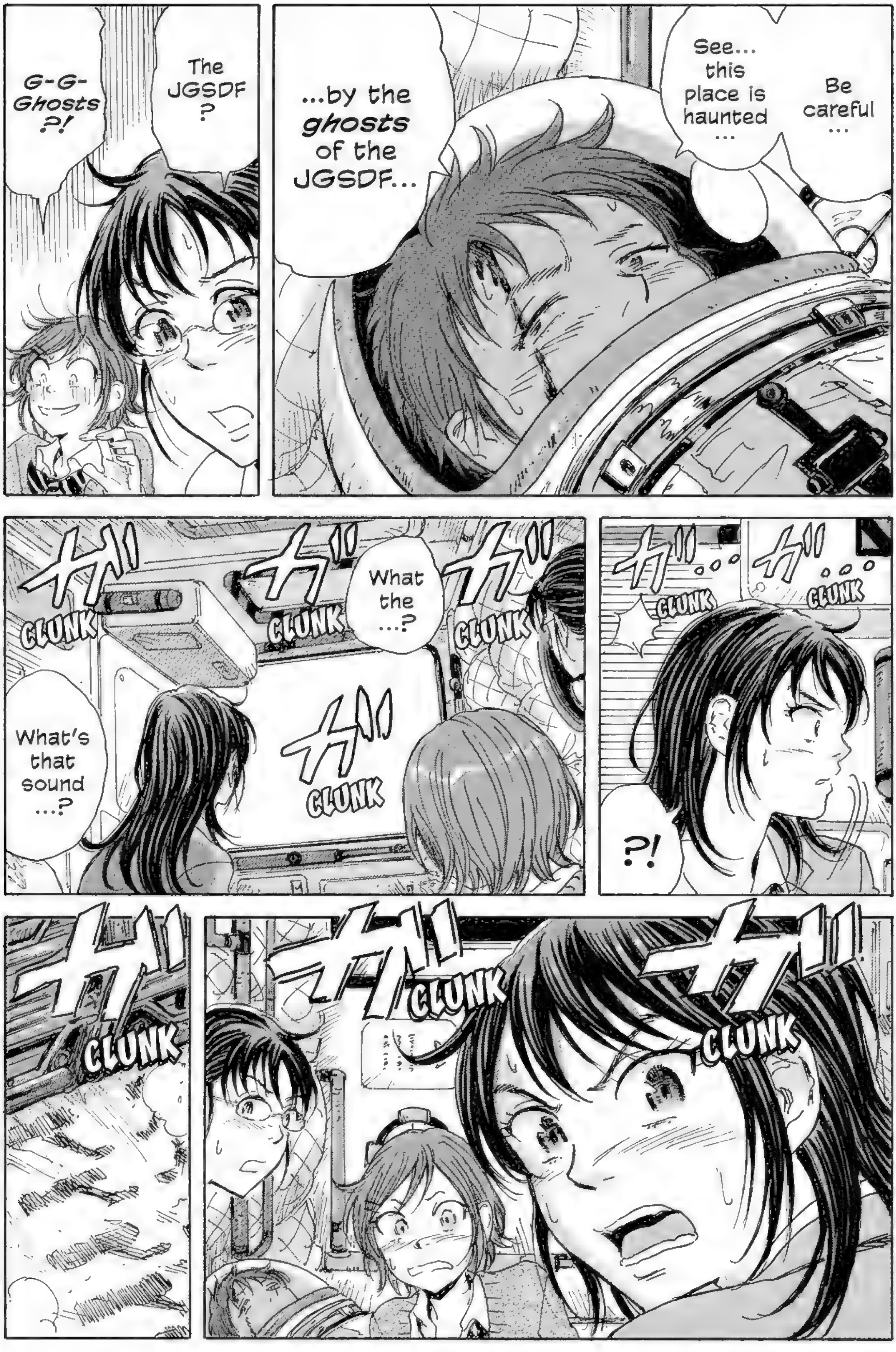
KREE
ギ
...
?!


She's...
Pregnant?!
CAUTION
W...
We have to help her...
Right!
Let's get to it!
CLANK
I'll get the aether ready!


BEEP GSSH
NARUSE, COME IN!
Wh—? Now, of all times?!
What is it, VP?!
CHK
I JUST RECEIVED AN URGENT REPORT!
?!
ONE OF THE SHELTER CHOPPERS WAS ATTACKED!
Attacked?
Who did it?!
WE DON'T KNOW.
BUT THE PILOTS REPORT ...
...THAT THEIR ATTACKERS ...
ヒュウウ
FWOOO
...TOOK ALL THE RADIOACTIVE WASTE!


They stole it?!
But why would anyone do such a thing ...?!
...
IT WOULD TAKE A LOT OF MANPOWER TO MOVE THREE SHELTERS.
THEY SHOULD STILL BE IN THE AREA!
YOU'RE TO LOCATE THE PERPETRATORS ASAP!
I don't get it...
What the heck's going *on?!*
They're coming ...
?!
H-Huh?
Who?!


Be careful...
See... this place is haunted...
...by the *ghosts* of the JGSDF...
The JGSDF?
G-G-Ghosts?!
ガ CLUNK
ガ... CLUNK
ガ... CLUNK
?!
ガ CLUNK
What the...?
ガ CLUNK
ガ CLUNK
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What's that sound...?
ガ CLUNK
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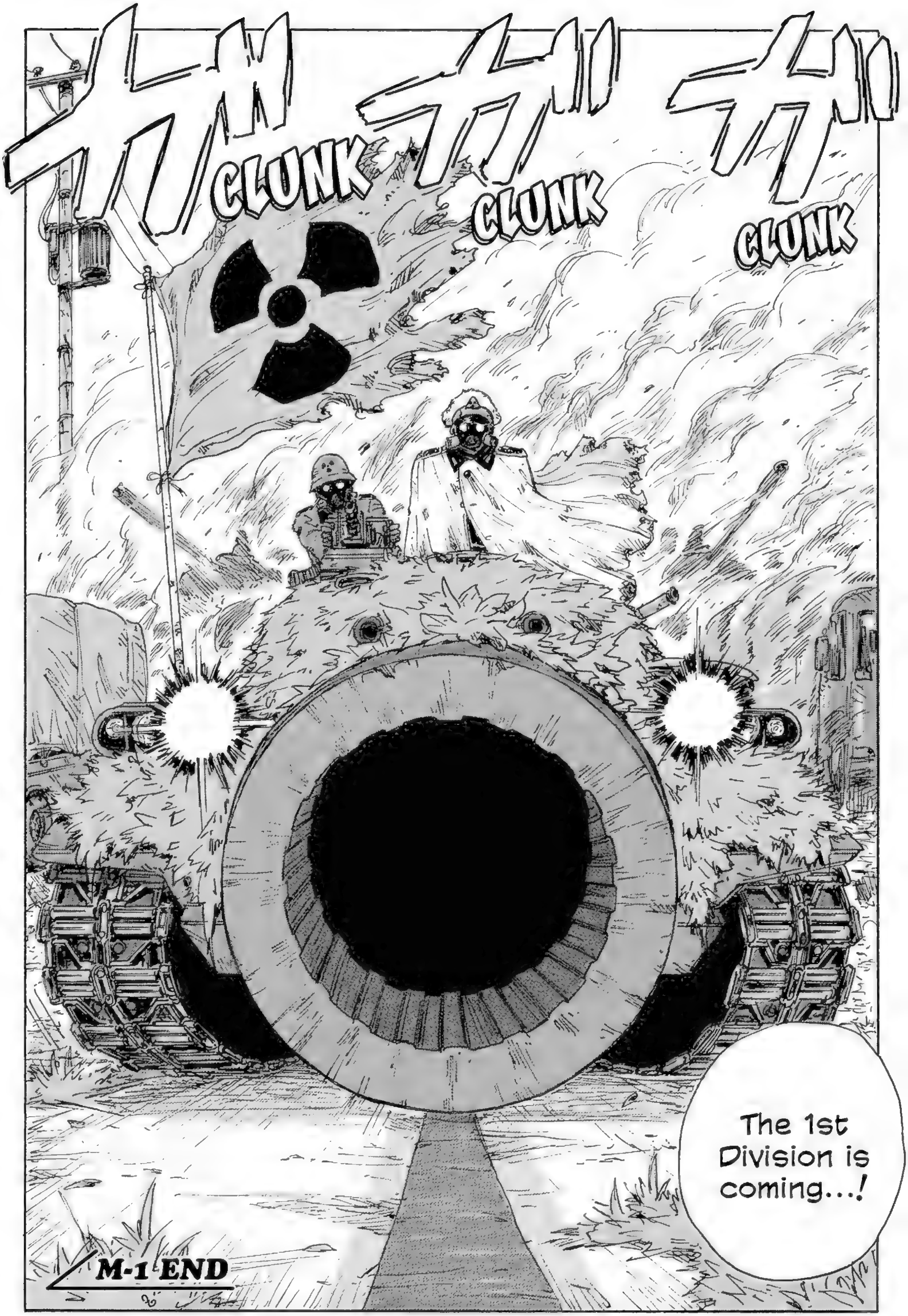
ガ CLUNK
ガ CLUNK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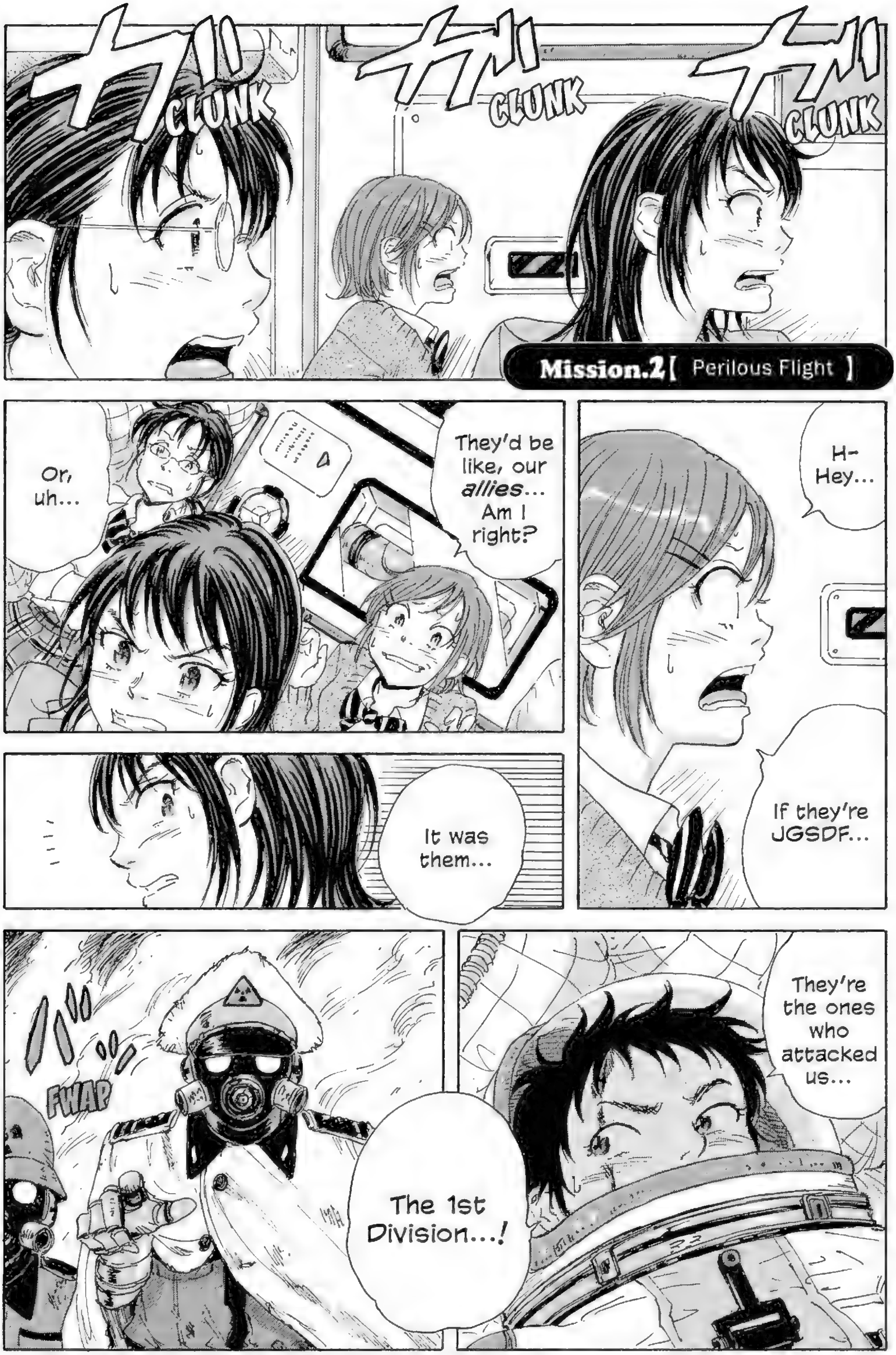
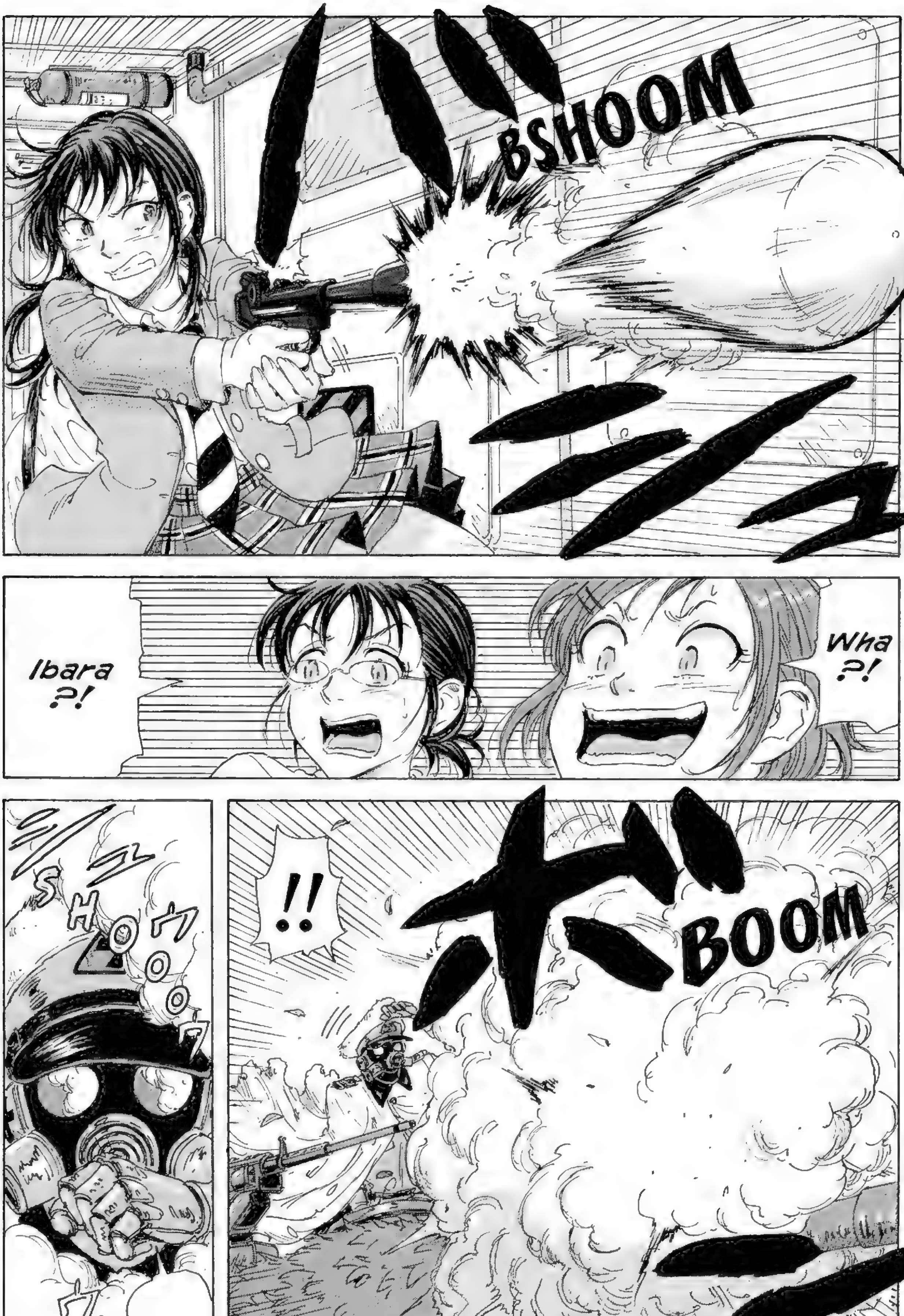
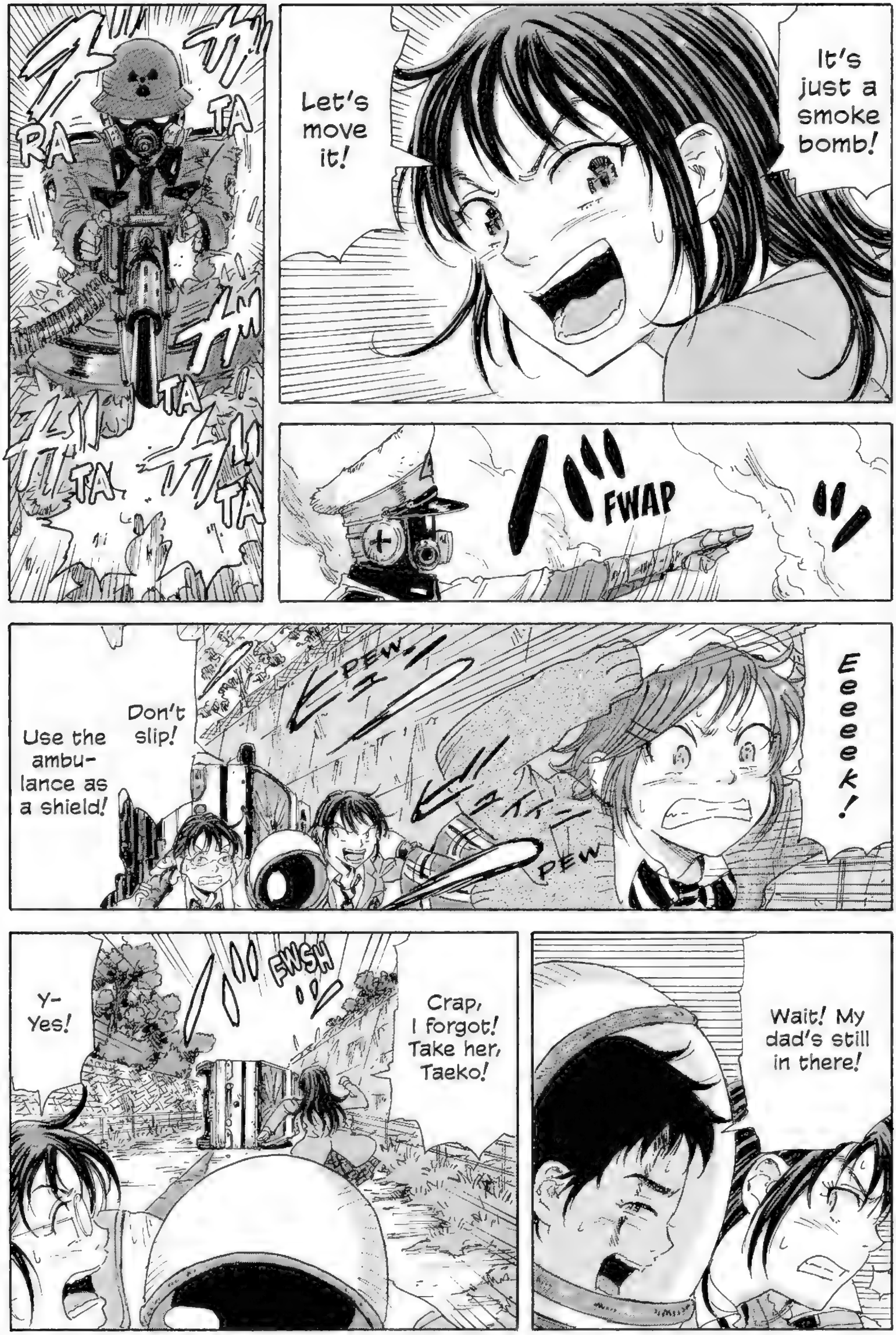
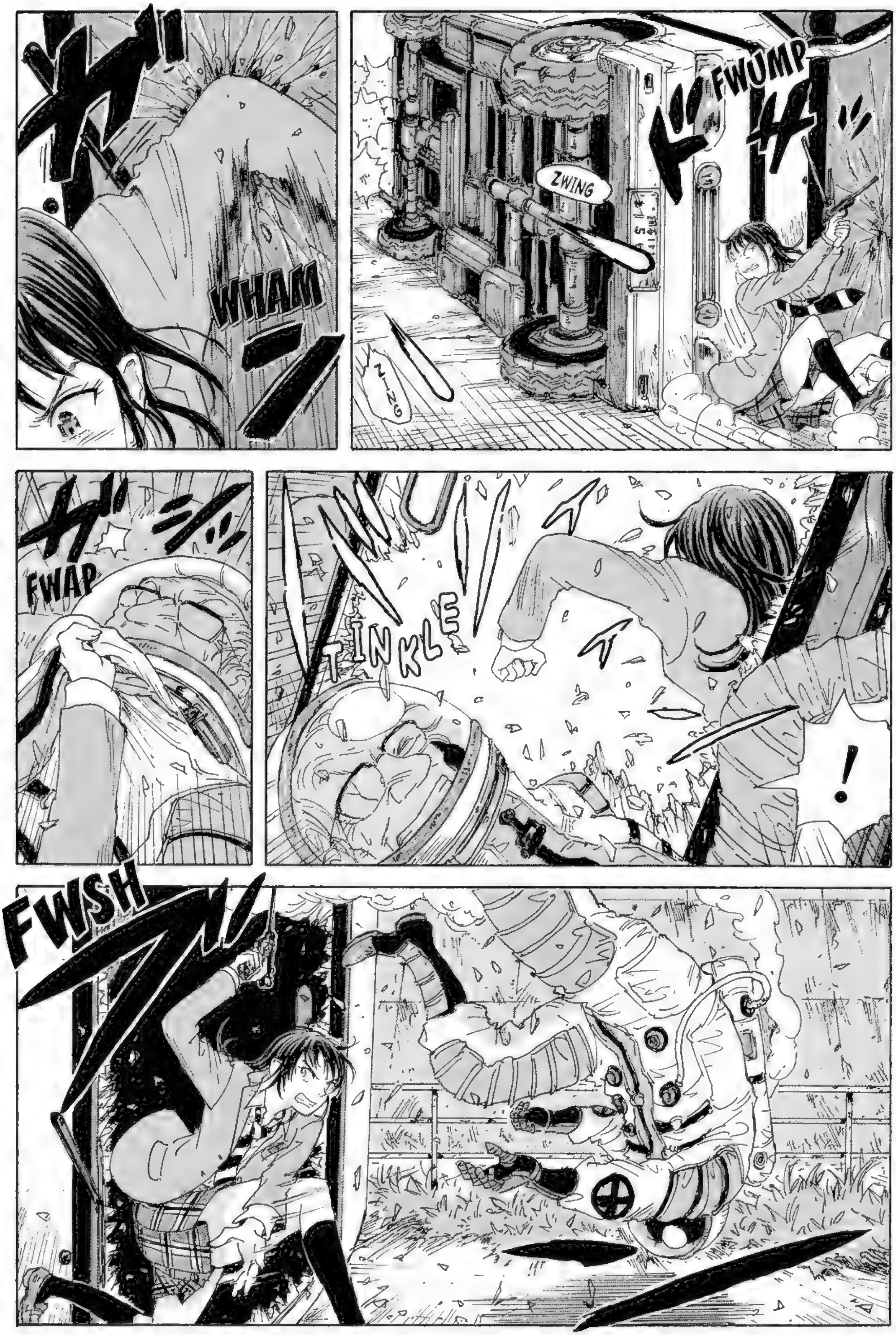
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
The 1st Division is coming...!
M-1 END

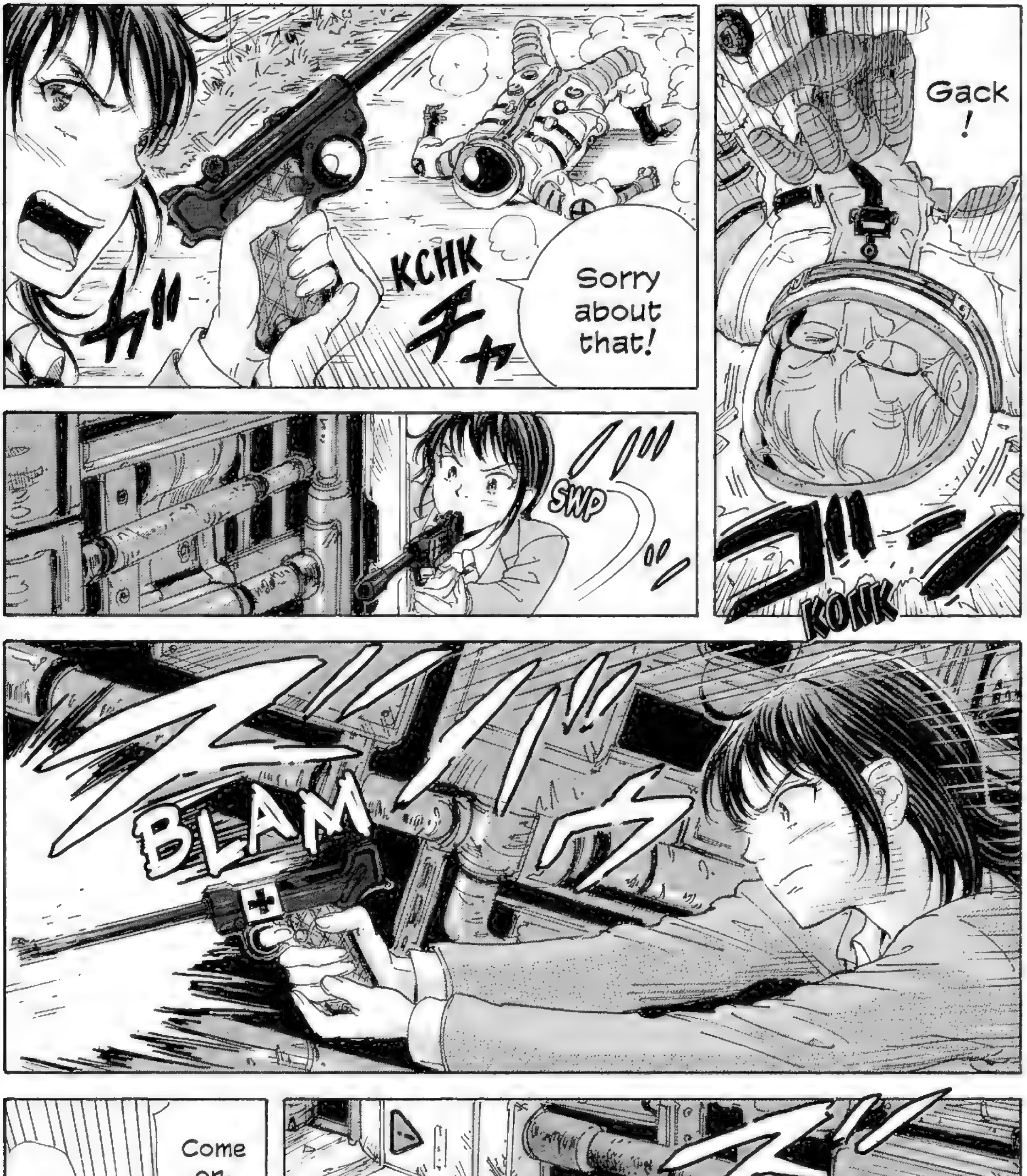
Mission.2【 Perilous Flight 】

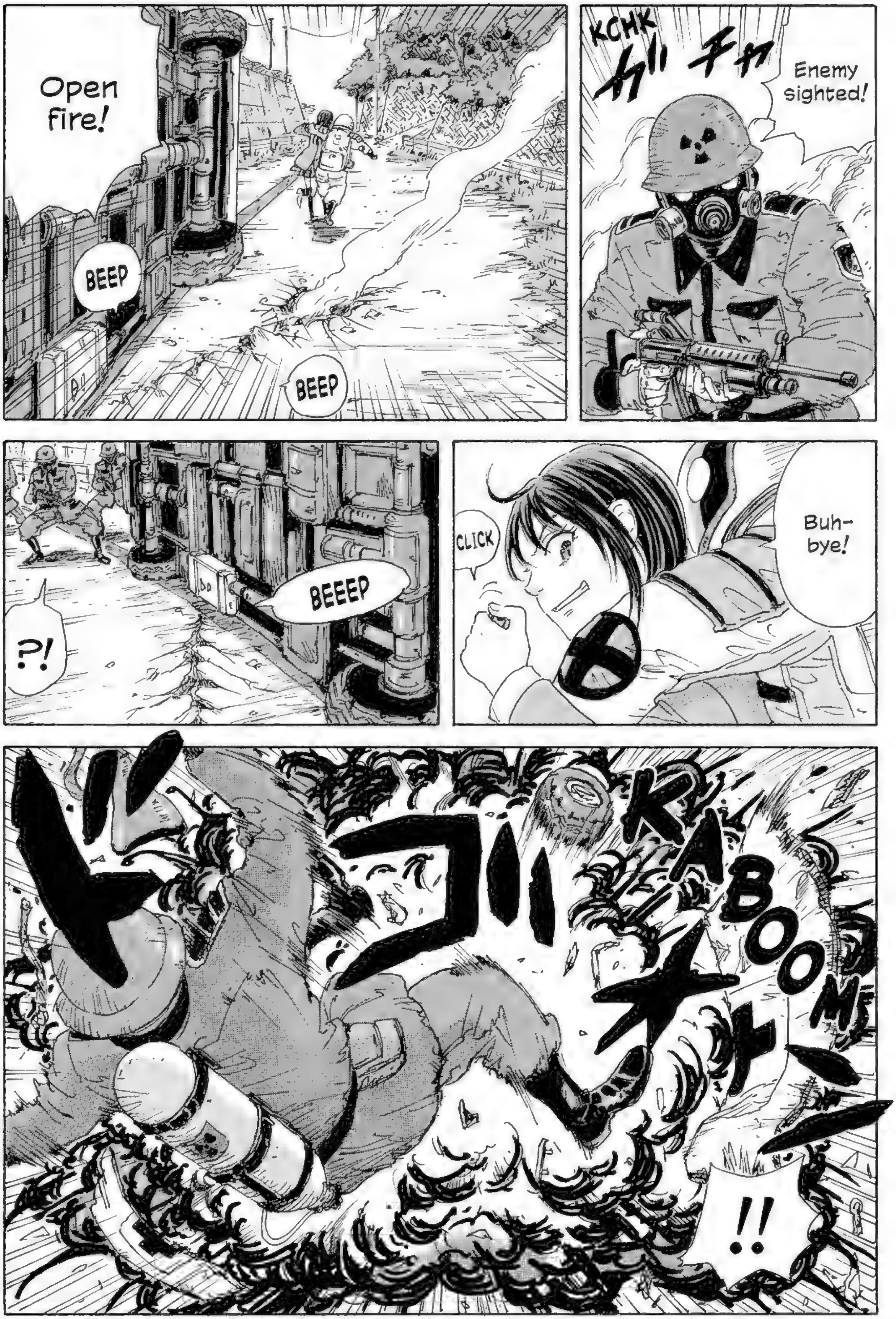

CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
H- Hey...
If they're JGSDF...
They'd be like, our *allies*... Am I right?
Or, uh...
It was them...
They're the ones who attacked us...
The 1st Division...!
FWAP

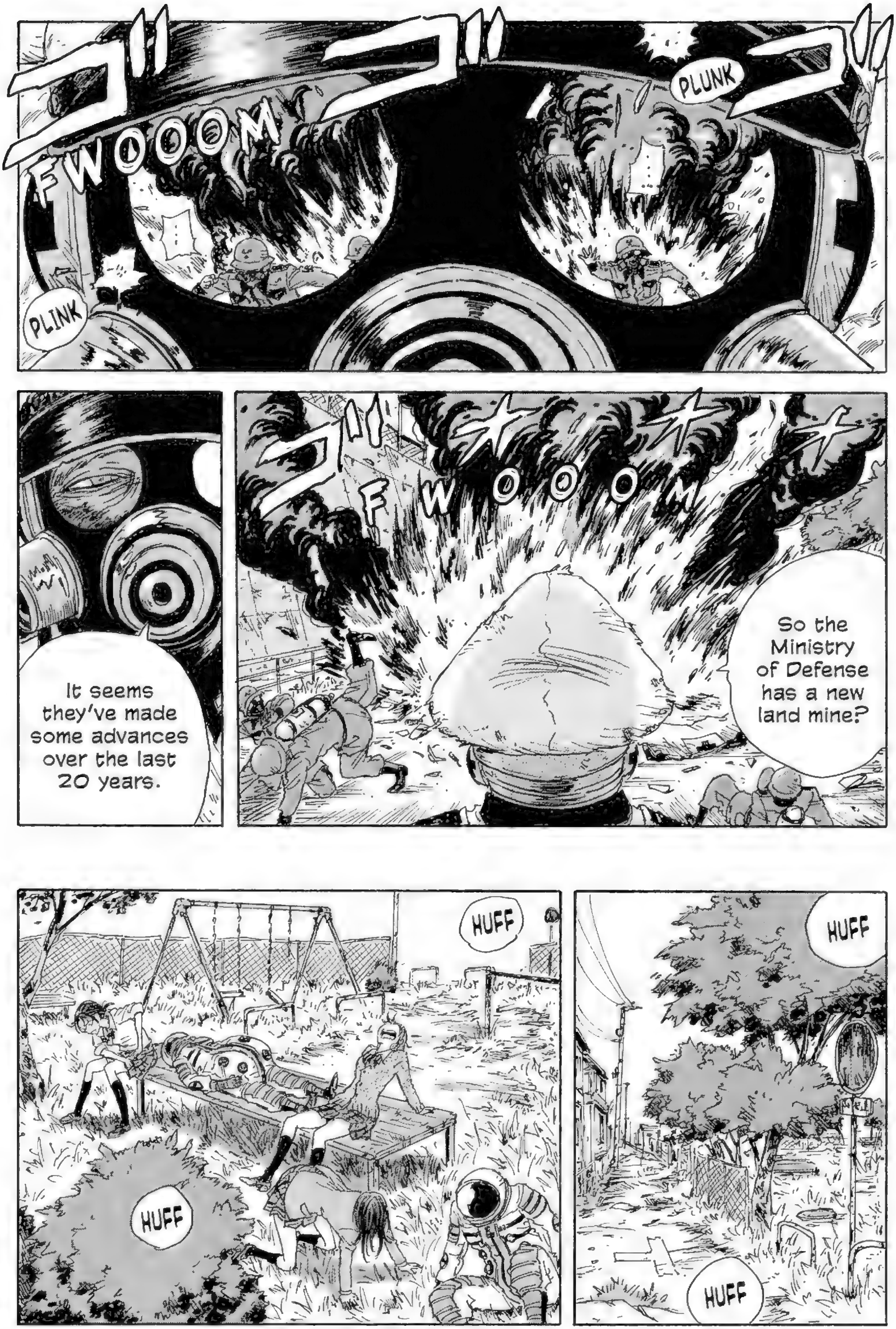

BSHOOM
Wha ?!
Ibara ?!
!!
BOOM
SHOOOO
...

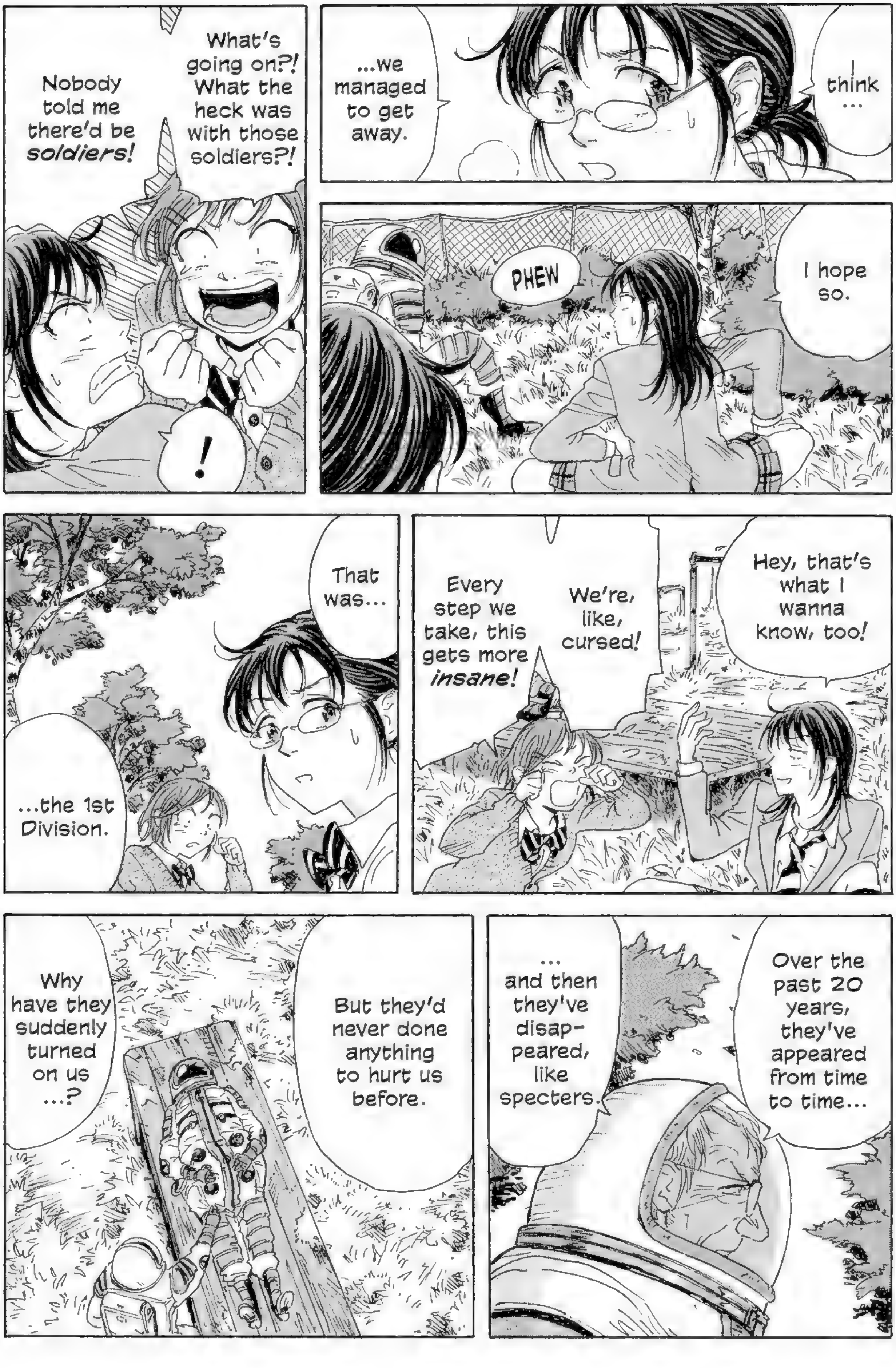

It's just a smoke bomb!
Let's move it!
FWAP
RA-TA-TA-TA-TA-TA
Eeeeeek!
PEW
Don't slip!
Use the ambulance as a shield!
PEW
Wait! My dad's still in there!
Crap, I forgot! Take her, Taeko!
FWSH
Y-Yes!

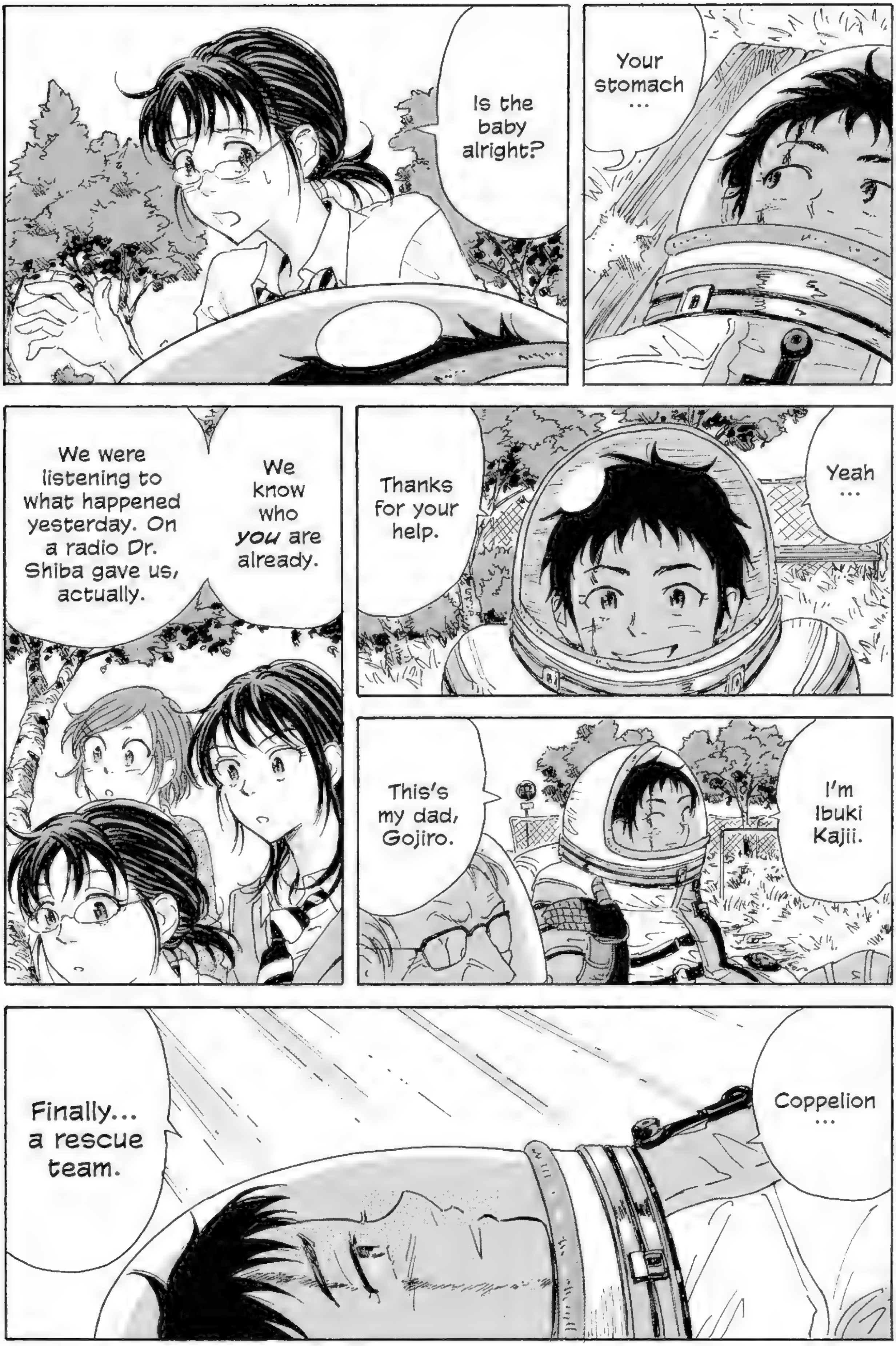

FWUMP
ZWING
ZING
WHAM
!
TINKLE
FWAP
FWSH

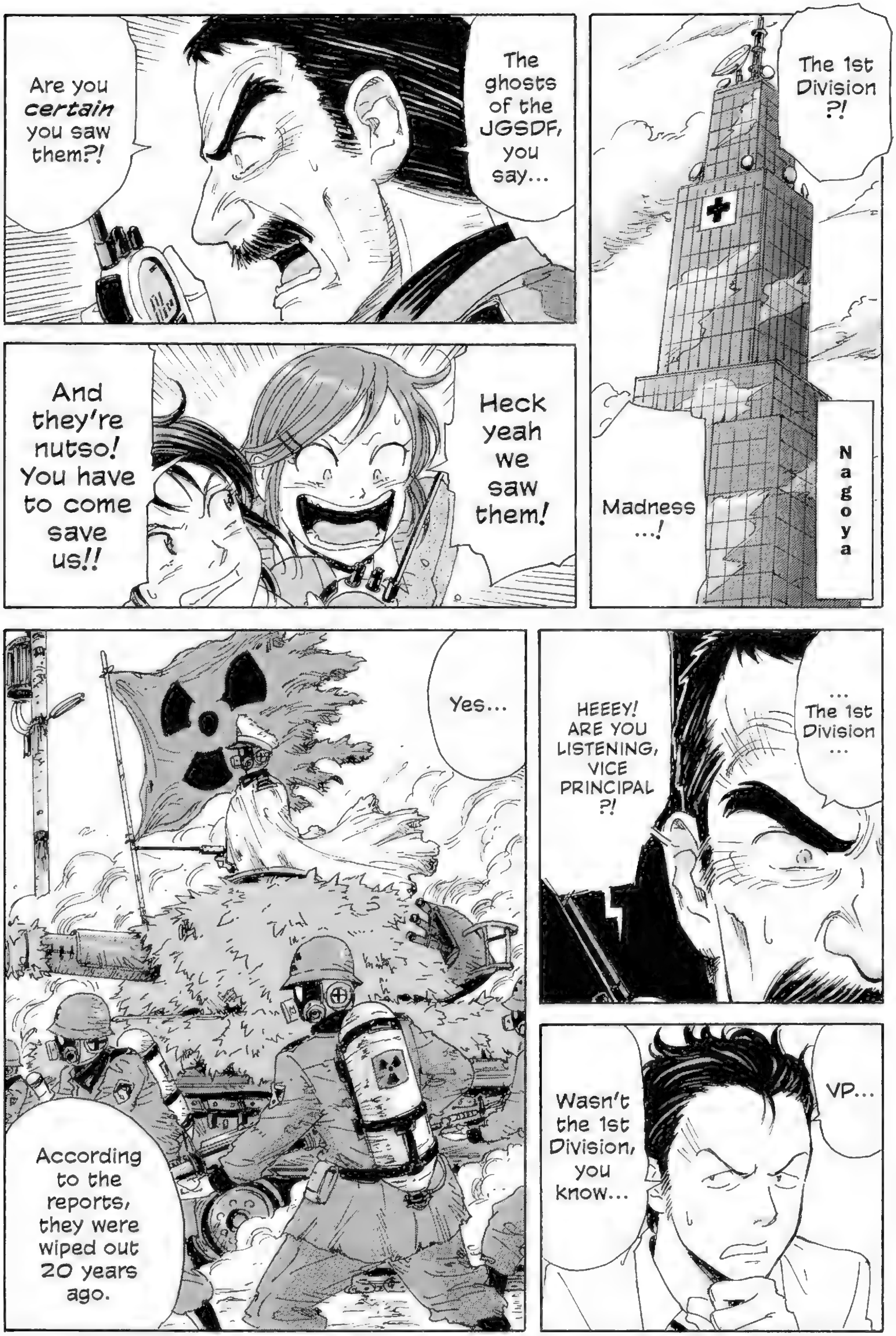

Gack!
KONK
Sorry about that!
KCHK
SWP
BLAM
WHUD
KRIK
KRAK
KRIK
Come on, this way!
Urgh...
FWAP

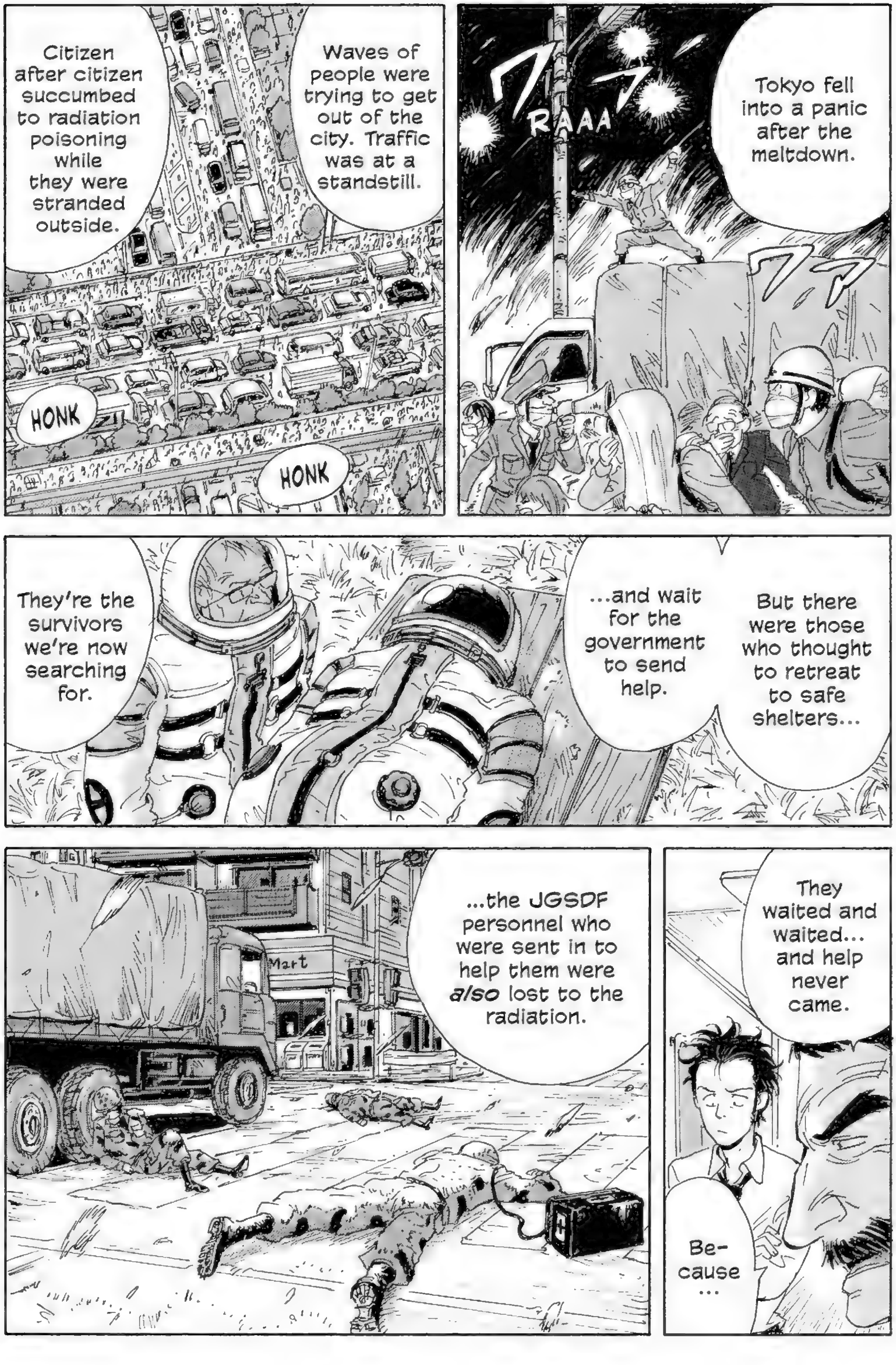

KCHK
ガチャ
Enemy sighted!
Open fire!
BEEP
BEEP
Buh-bye!
CLICK
BEEEP
?!
ドゴオオ
KABOOM
!!

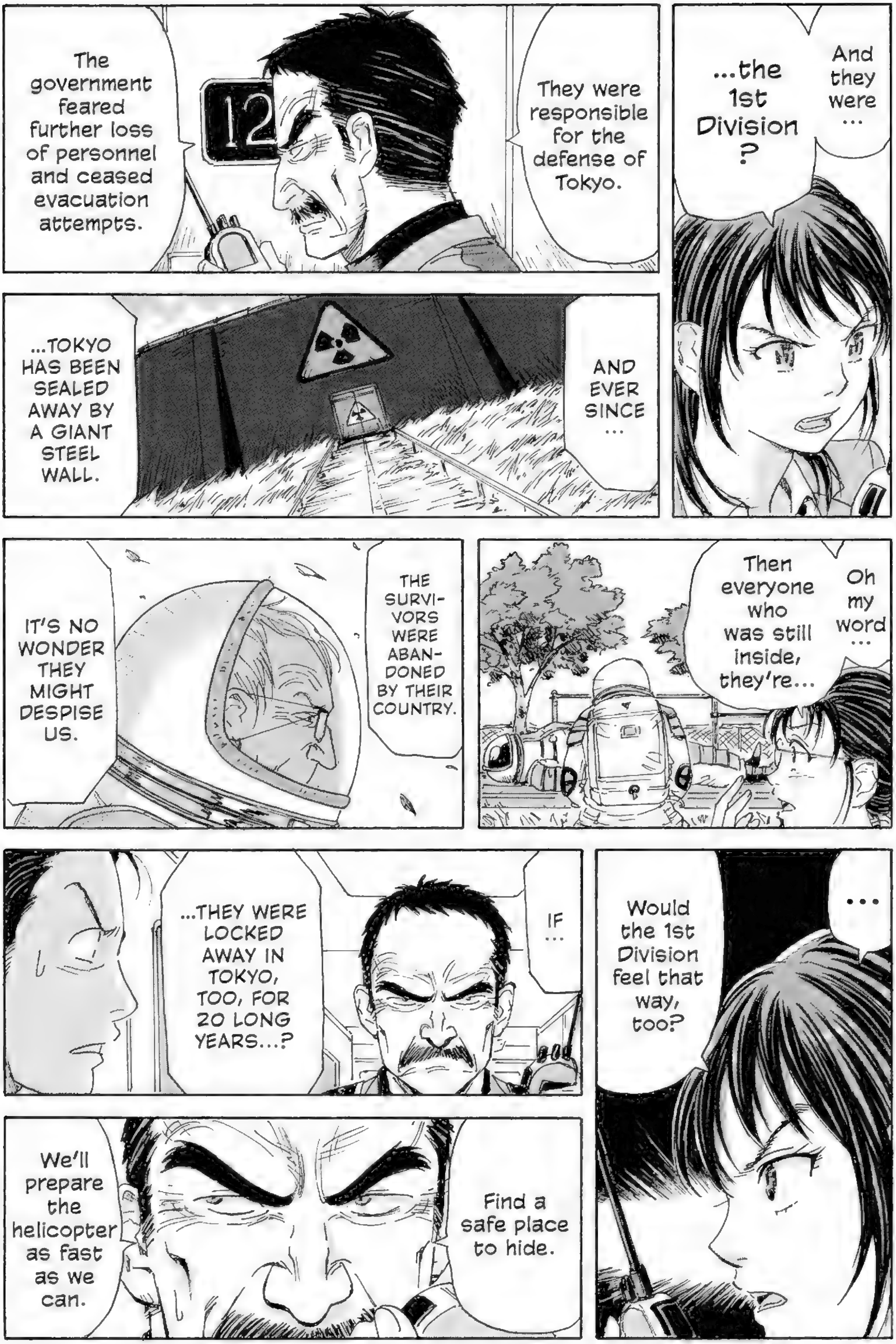

ゴゴゴ
FWOOOM
PLUNK
PLINK
ゴオオオ
FWOOOM
So the Ministry of Defense has a new land mine?
It seems they've made some advances over the last 20 years.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

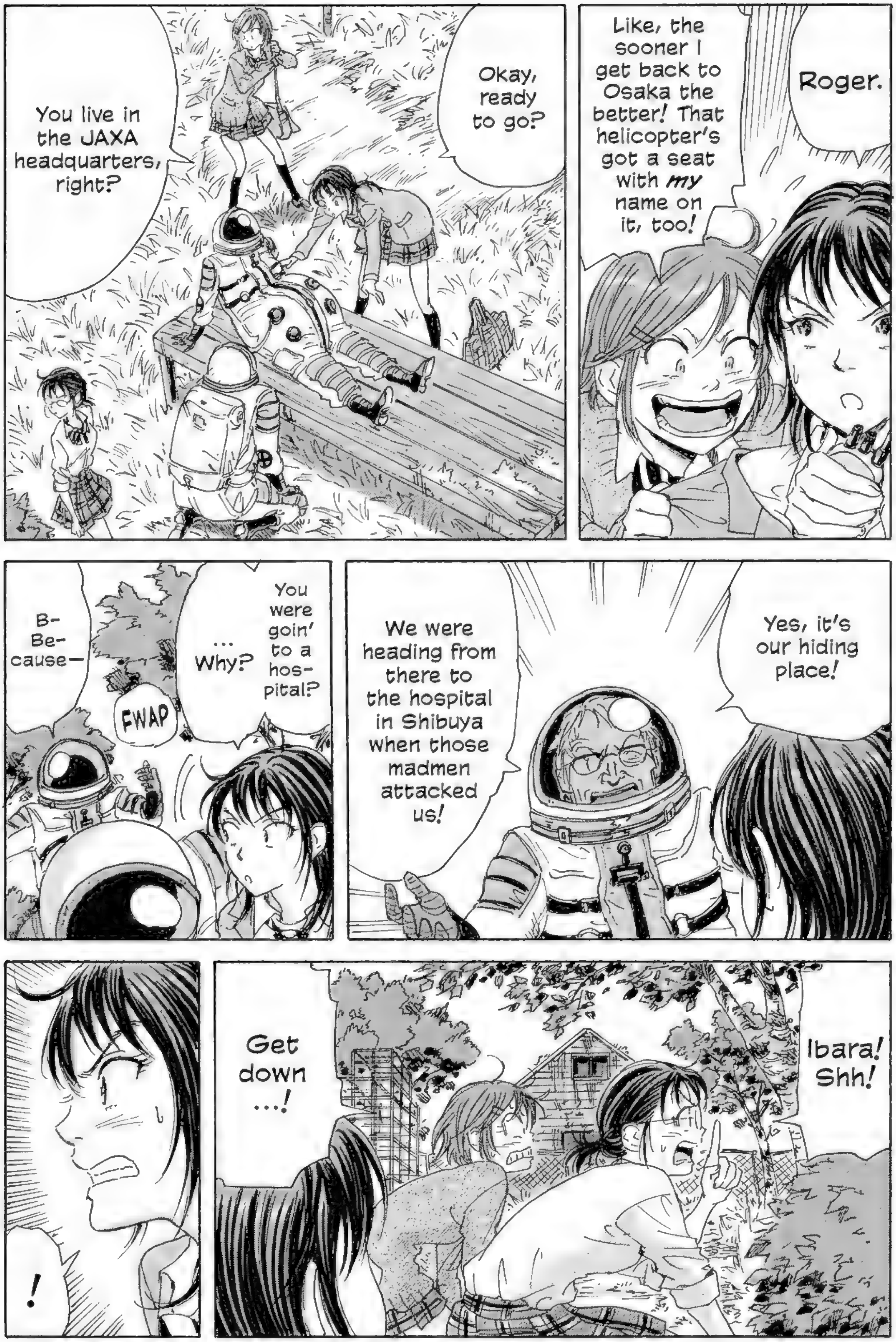

I think...
...we managed to get away.
PHEW
I hope so.
What's going on?! What the heck was with those soldiers?!
Nobody told me there'd be *soldiers*!
!
Hey, that's what I wanna know, too!
We're, like, cursed!
Every step we take, this gets more *insane*!
That was...
...the 1st Division.
Over the past 20 years, they've appeared from time to time...
...and then they've disappeared, like specters.
But they'd never done anything to hurt us before.
Why have they suddenly turned on us...?

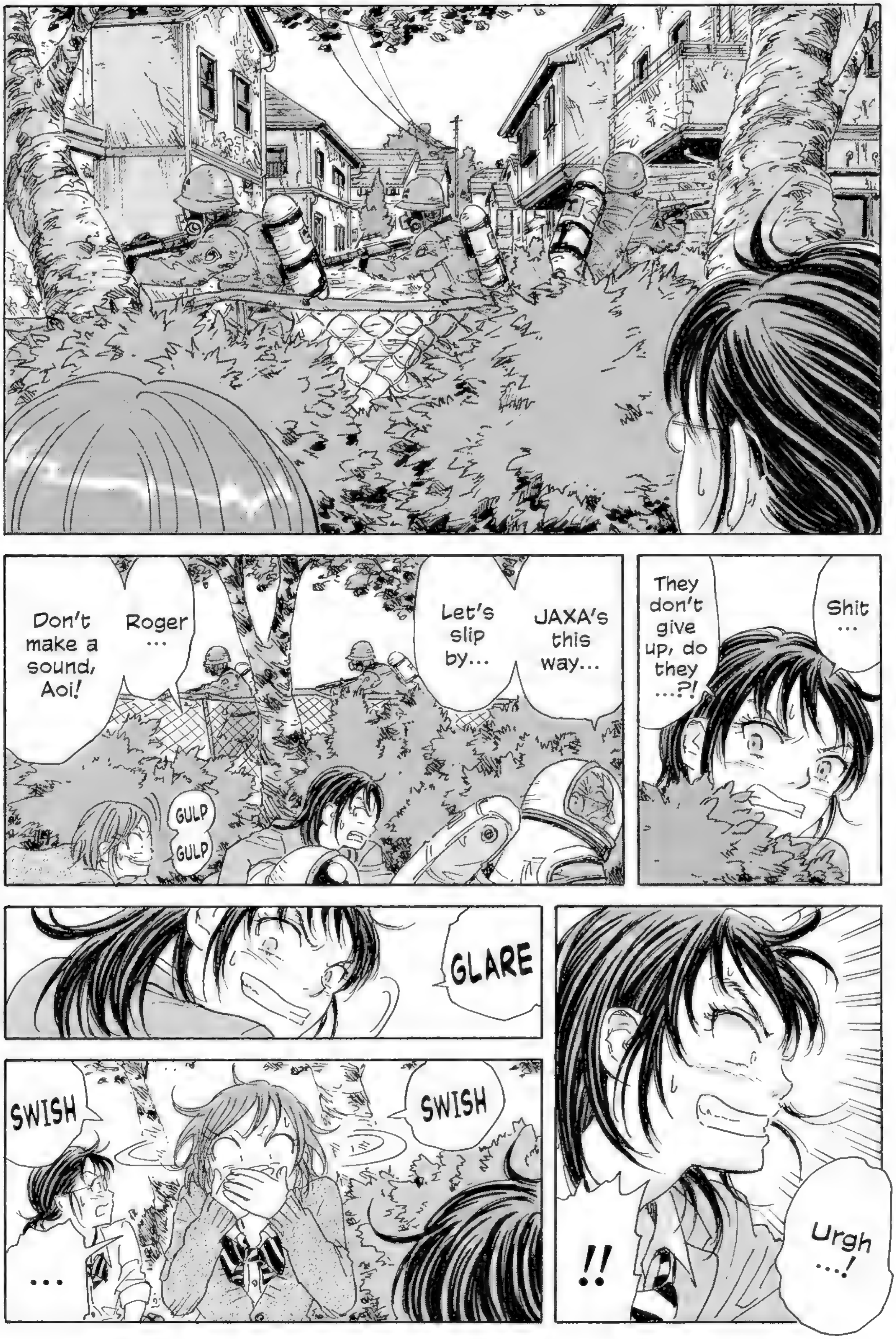

Your stomach …
Is the baby alright?
Yeah …
Thanks for your help.
I'm Ibuki Kajii.
This's my dad, Gojiro.
We know who *you* are already.
We were listening to what happened yesterday. On a radio Dr. Shiba gave us, actually.
Coppelion …
Finally… a rescue team.

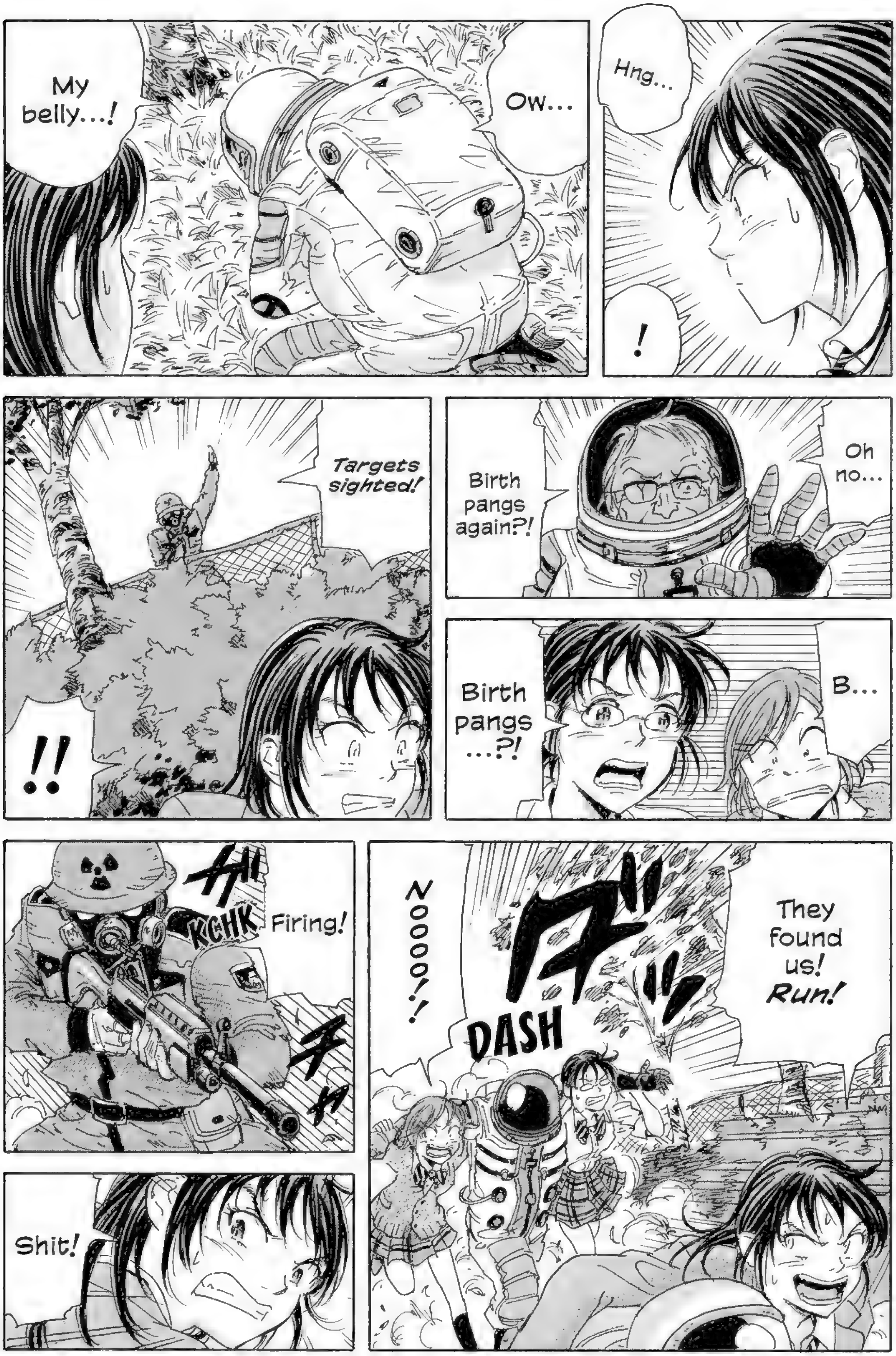

The ghosts of the JGSDF, you say…
Are you *certain* you saw them?!
Heck yeah we saw them!
And they're nutso! You have to come save us!!
The 1st Division ?!
Madness …!
Nagoya
…The 1st Division…
HEEEY! ARE YOU LISTENING, VICE PRINCIPAL ?!
VP…
Wasn't the 1st Division, you know…
Yes…
According to the reports, they were wiped out 20 years ago.

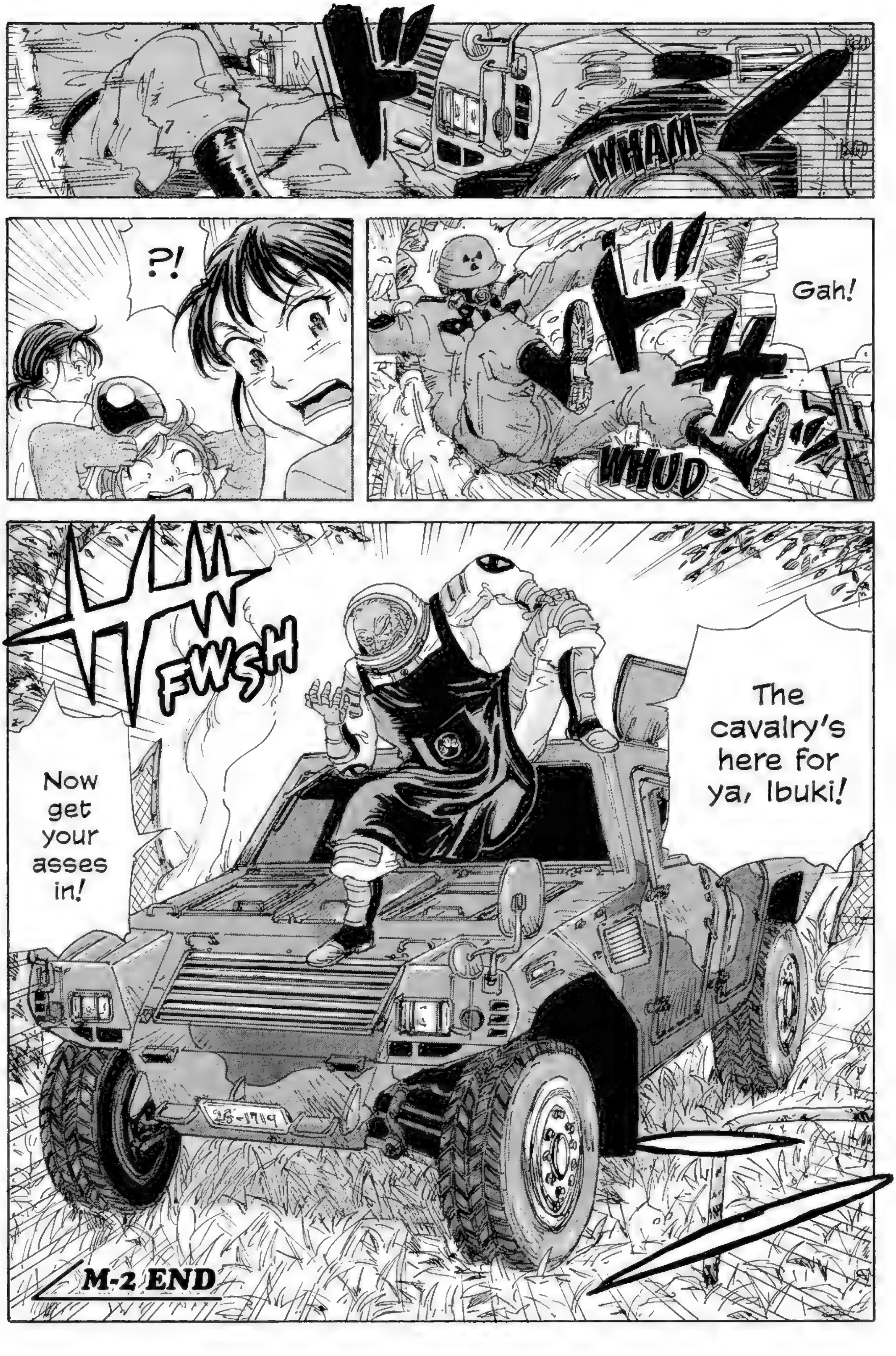

Tokyo fell into a panic after the meltdown.
RAAA
Waves of people were trying to get out of the city. Traffic was at a standstill.
Citizen after citizen succumbed to radiation poisoning while they were stranded outside.
HONK
HONK
But there were those who thought to retreat to safe shelters...
...and wait for the government to send help.
They're the survivors we're now searching for.
They waited and waited... and help never came.
Be-cause...
...the JGSDF personnel who were sent in to help them were *also* lost to the radiation.
Mart

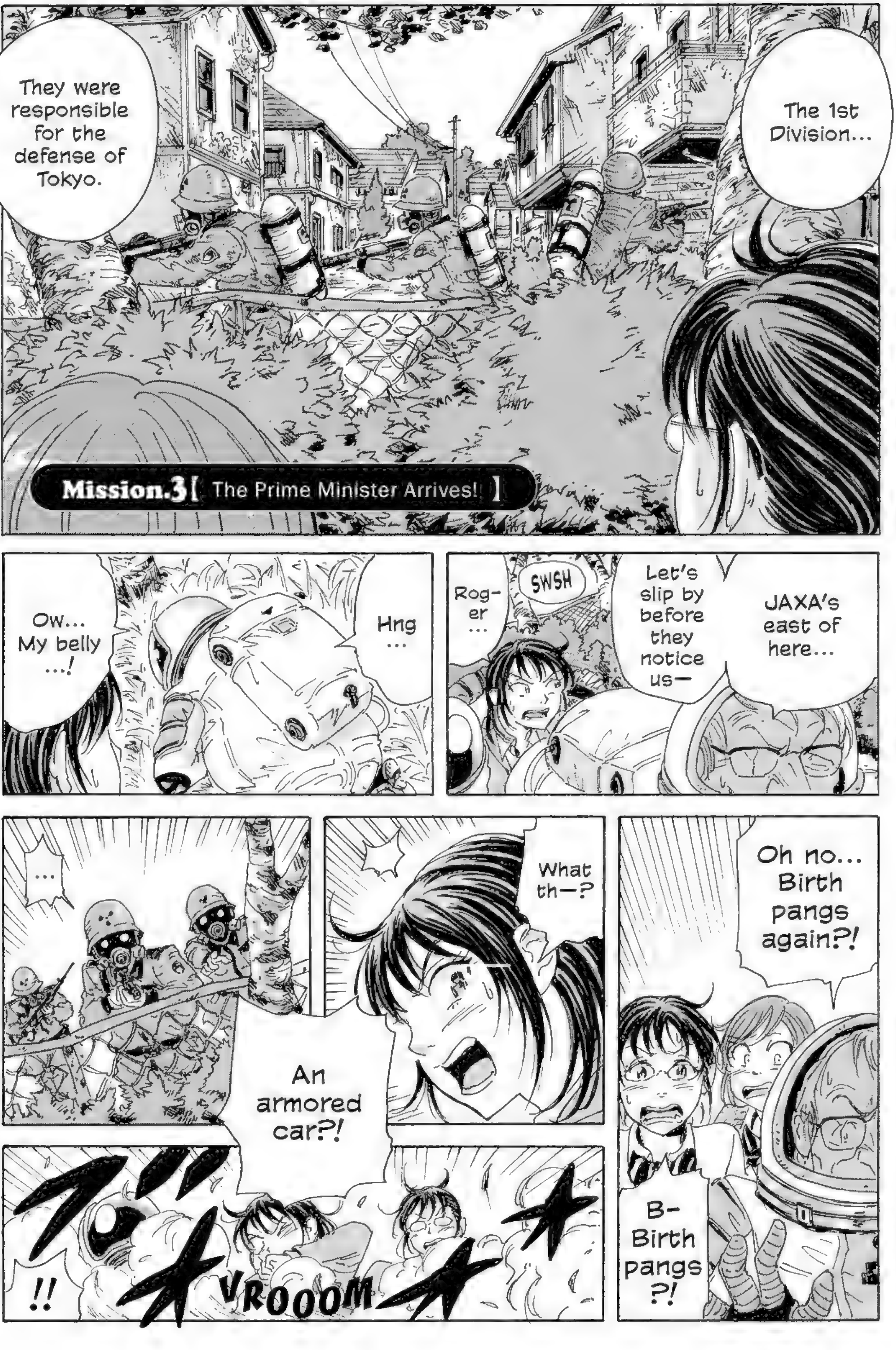

And they were…
…the 1st Division?
12
They were responsible for the defense of Tokyo.
The government feared further loss of personnel and ceased evacuation attempts.
AND EVER SINCE…
…TOKYO HAS BEEN SEALED AWAY BY A GIANT STEEL WALL.
Oh my word…
Then everyone who was still inside, they're…
THE SURVIVORS WERE ABANDONED BY THEIR COUNTRY.
IT'S NO WONDER THEY MIGHT DESPISE US.
…
Would the 1st Division feel that way, too?
IF…
…THEY WERE LOCKED AWAY IN TOKYO, TOO, FOR 20 LONG YEARS…?
Find a safe place to hide.
We'll prepare the helicopter as fast as we can.


Roger.
Like, the sooner I get back to Osaka the better! That helicopter's got a seat with *my* name on it, too!
Okay, ready to go?
You live in the JAXA headquarters, right?
Yes, it's our hiding place!
We were heading from there to the hospital in Shibuya when those madmen attacked us!
You were goin' to a hospital?
... Why?
FWAP
B- Be- cause—
Ibara! Shh!
Get down ...!
!


Shit…
They don't give up, do they…?!
JAXA's this way…
Let's slip by…
Roger…
Don't make a sound, Aoi!
GULP
GULP
!!
Urgh…!
GLARE
SWISH
SWISH
…

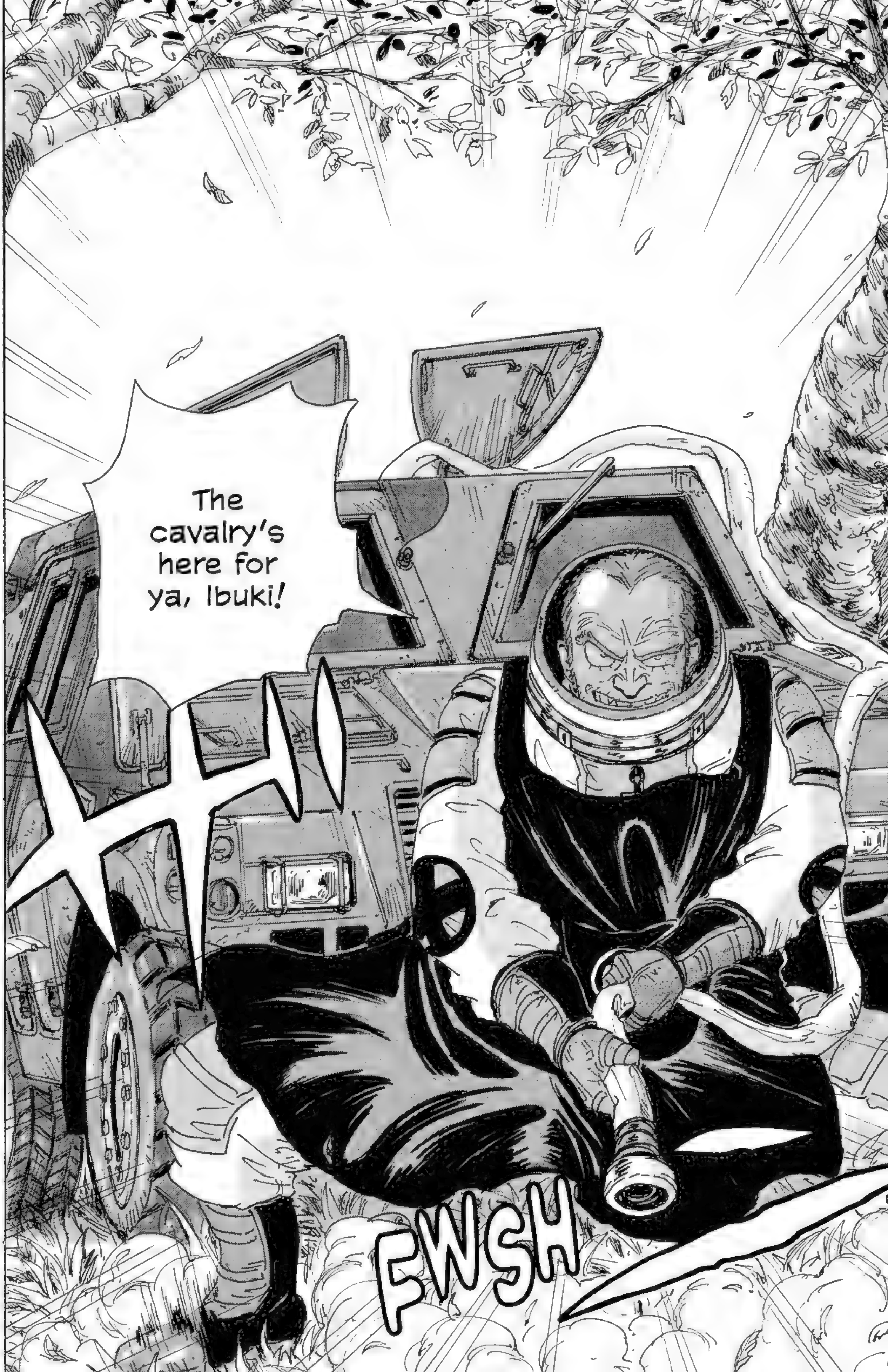

Hng...
!
Ow...
My belly...!
Oh no...
Birth pangs again?!
B...
Birth pangs ...?!
Targets sighted!
!!
They found us! Run!
Noooo!!
DASH
Firing!
KCHK
Shit!

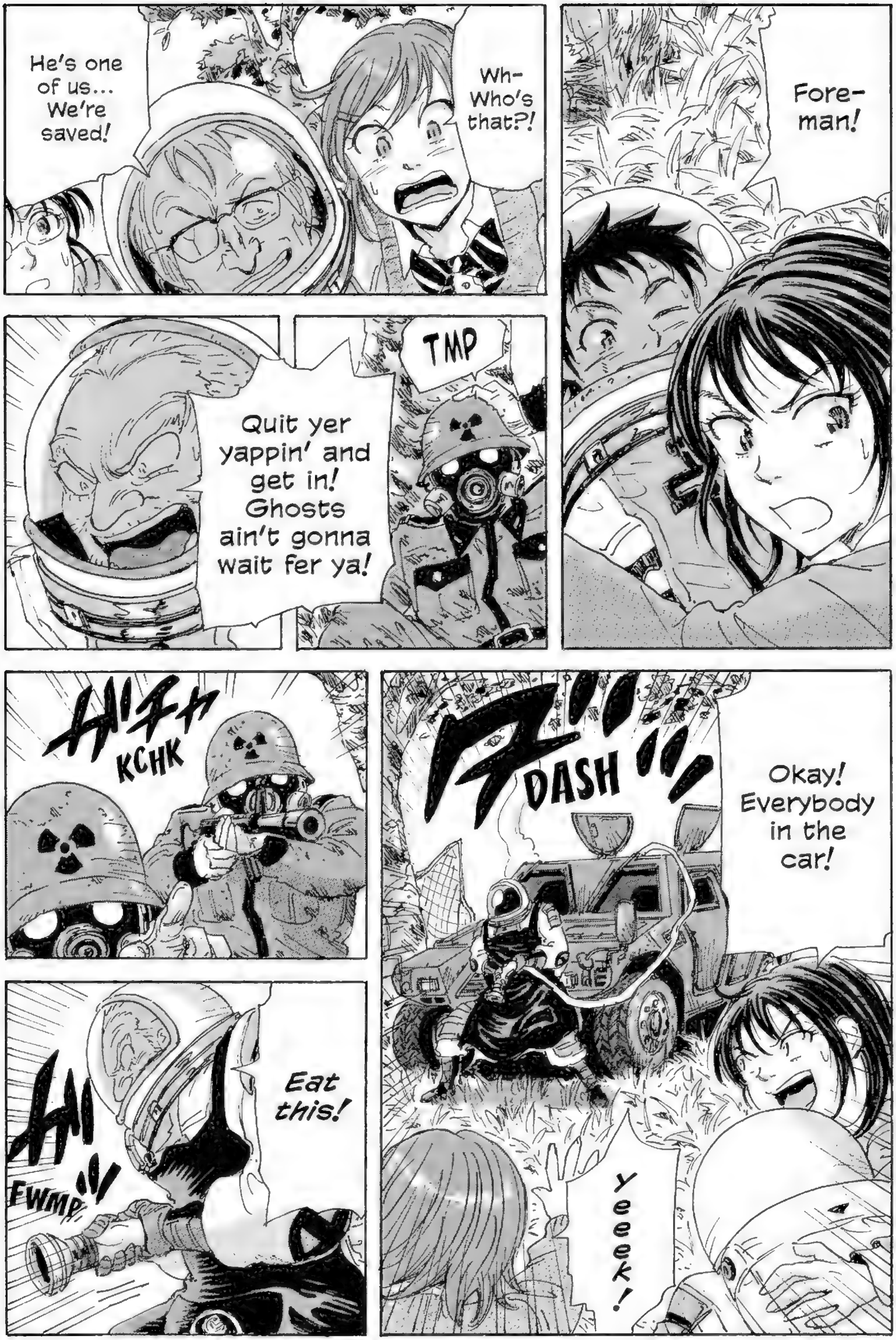

ド
WHAM
Gah!
WHUD
?!
The cavalry's here for ya, Ibuki!
FWSH
Now get your asses in!
M-2 END

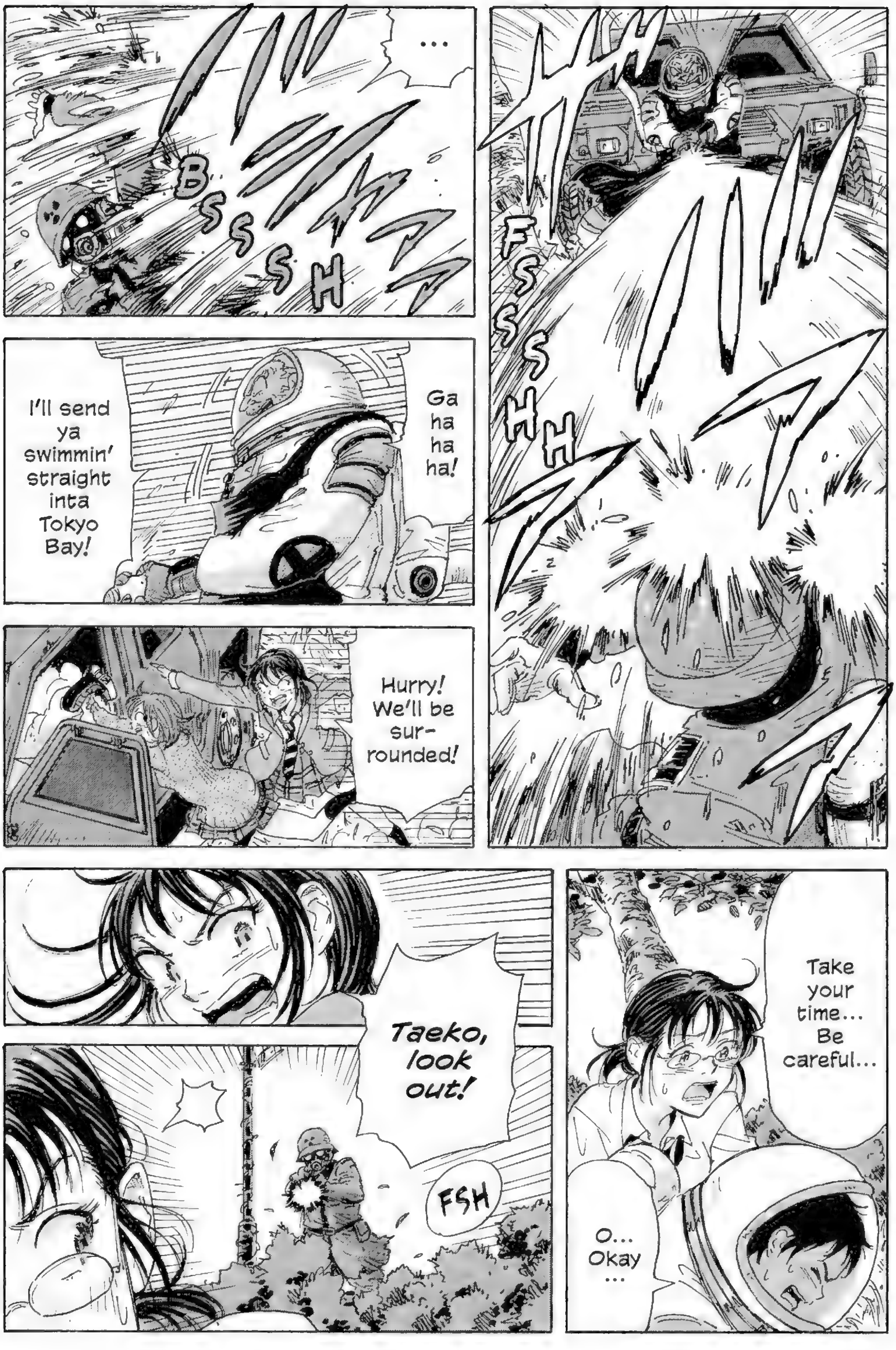


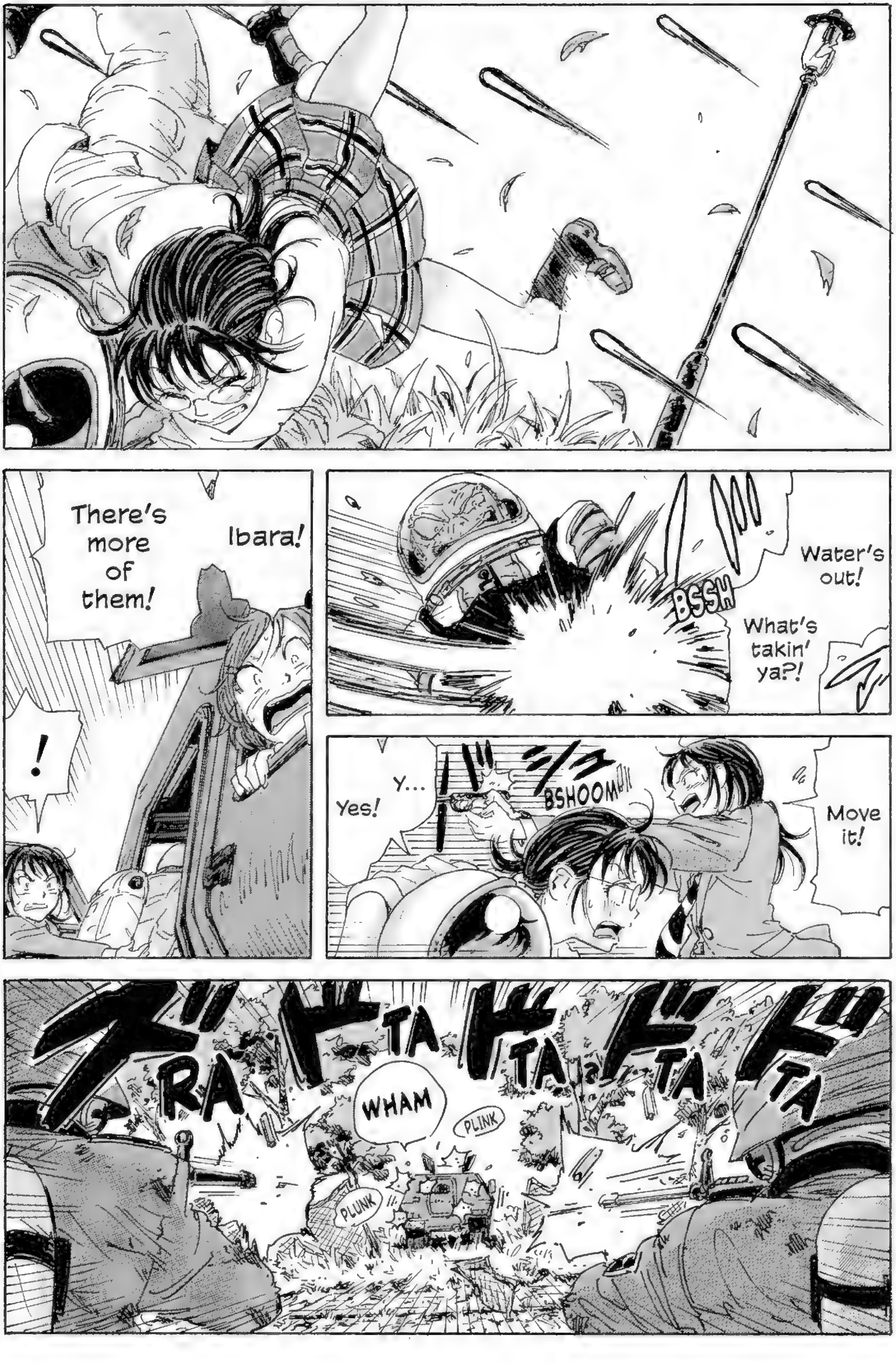
Mission.3 [The Prime Minister Arrives!]

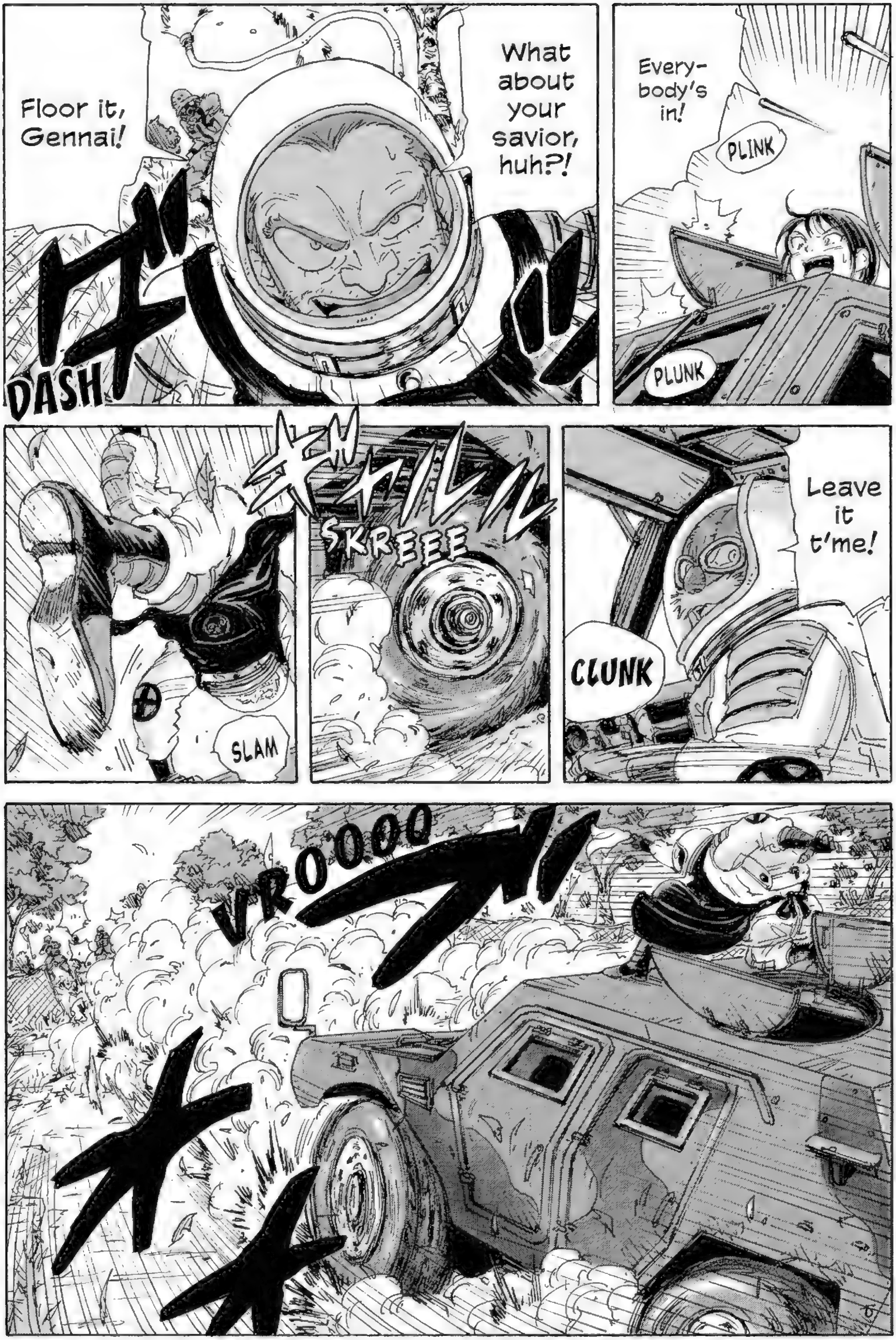
The 1st Division...
They were responsible for the defense of Tokyo.
JAXA's east of here...
Let's slip by before they notice us—
SWSH
Rog-er...
Hng...
Ow... My belly...!
Oh no... Birth pangs again?!
B-Birth pangs?!
What th—?
...
An armored car?!
!!
VROOOM

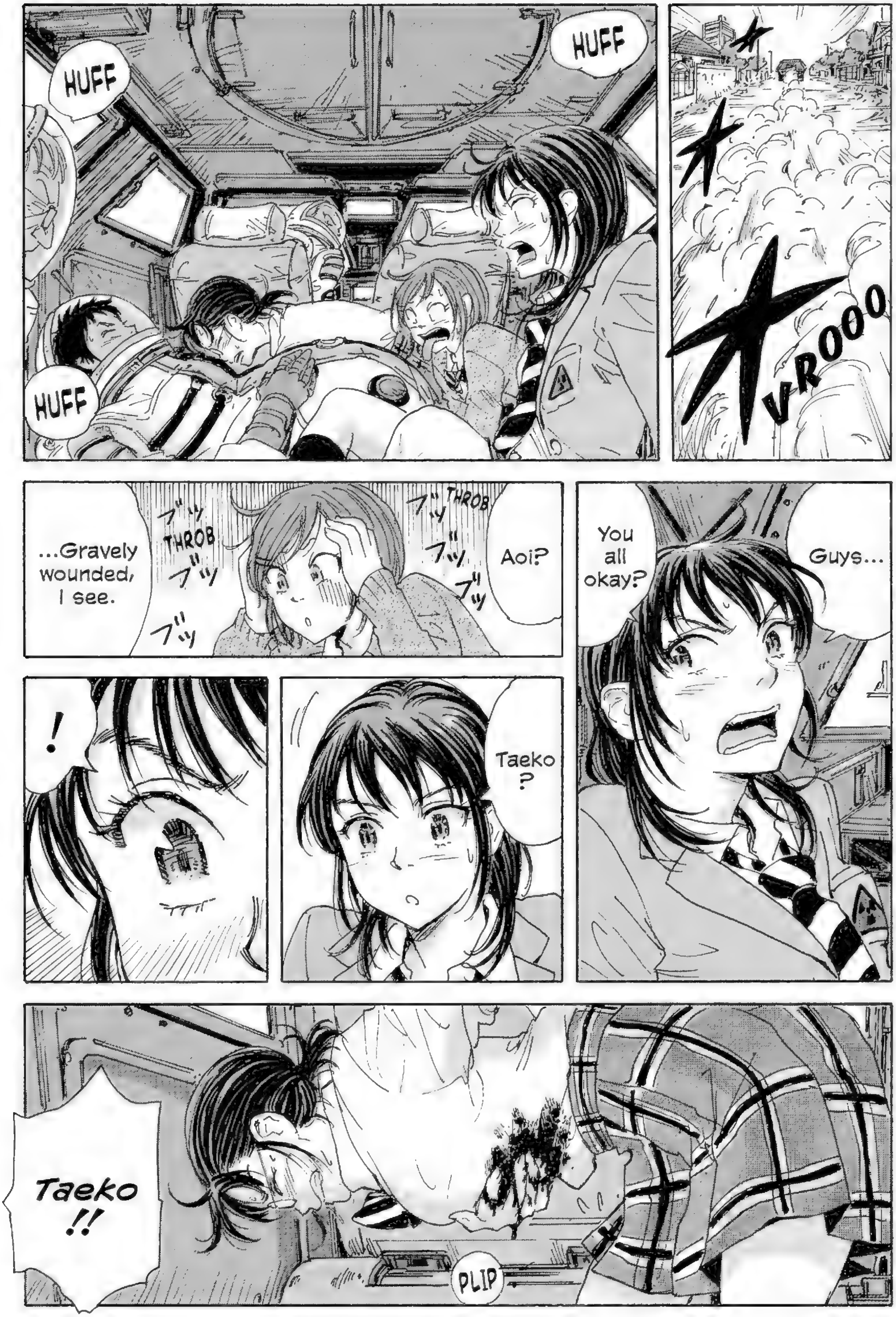

The cavalry's here for ya, Ibuki!
FWSH


Wh- Who's that?!
He's one of us... We're saved!
Fore- man!
TMP
Quit yer yappin' and get in! Ghosts ain't gonna wait fer ya!
DASH
Okay! Everybody in the car!
KCHK
Eat this!
FWMP
Yeeek!


FSSSSHH
...
BSSSH
Ga ha ha ha!
I'll send ya swimmin' straight inta Tokyo Bay!
Hurry! We'll be surrounded!
Take your time... Be careful...
O... Okay...
Taeko, look out!
FSH


BSSH
Water's out!
What's takin' ya?!
シュ
BSHOOM
Move it!
Y...
Yes!
Ibara!
There's more of them!
!
ズドドドド
RA TA TA TA TA TA
WHAM
PLINK
PLUNK


Every-body's in!
PLINK
PLUNK
What about your savior, huh?!
Floor it, Gennai!
DASH
Leave it t'me!
CLUNK
SKREEE
SLAM
VROOOOM


VROOO
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
Guys...
You all okay?
Aoi?
ブッ
THROB
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ブッ
ブッ
THROB
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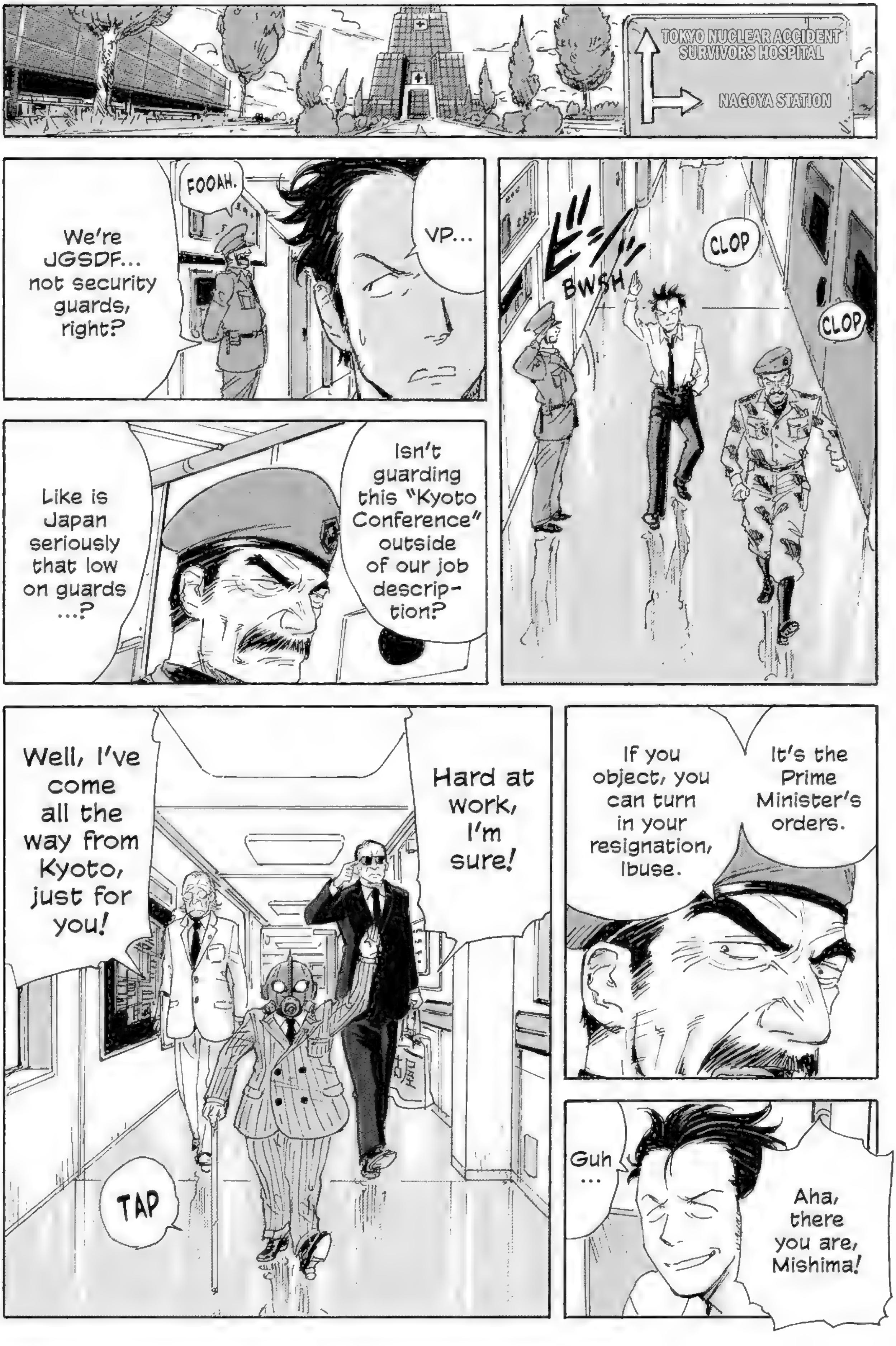
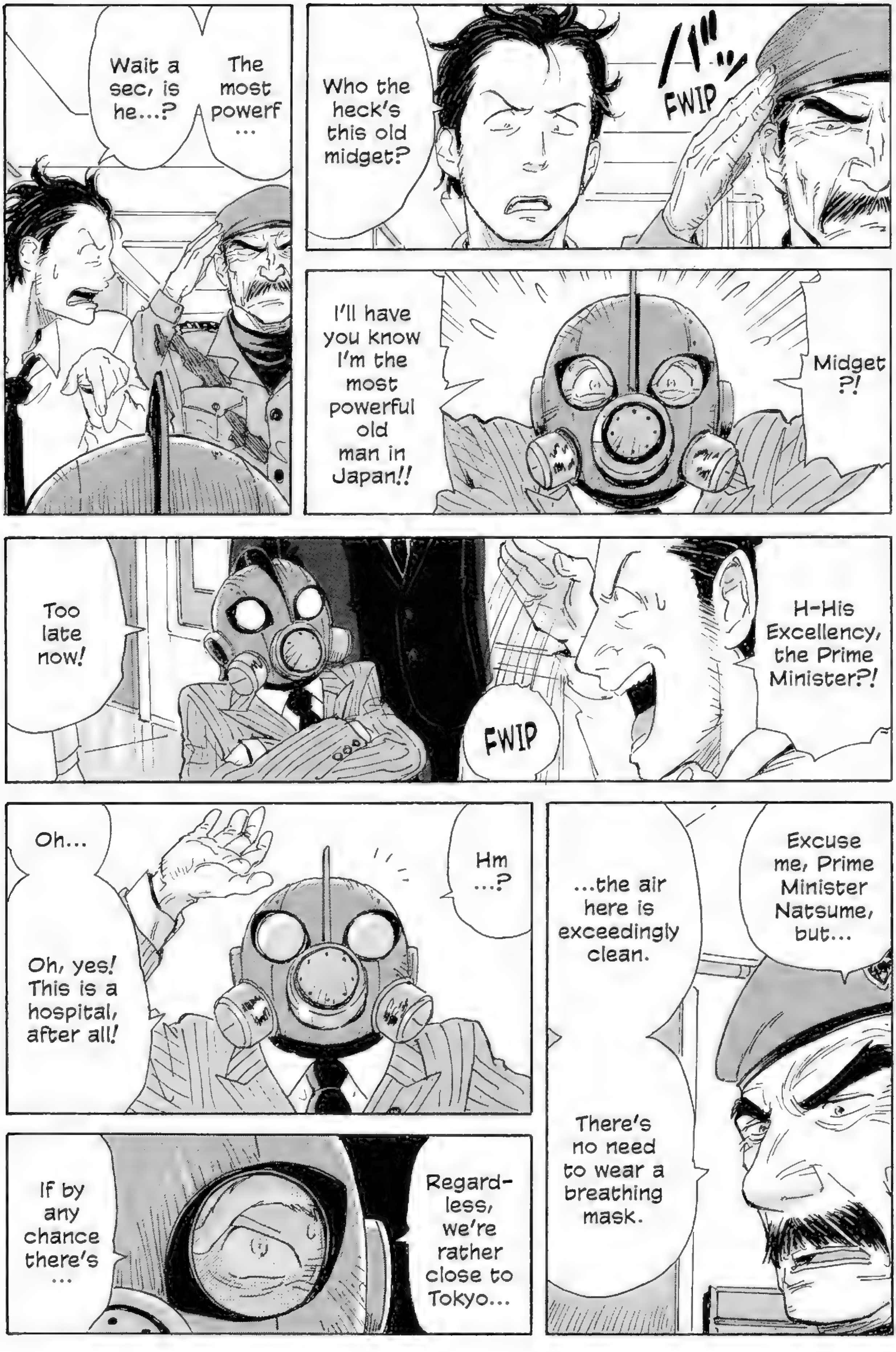
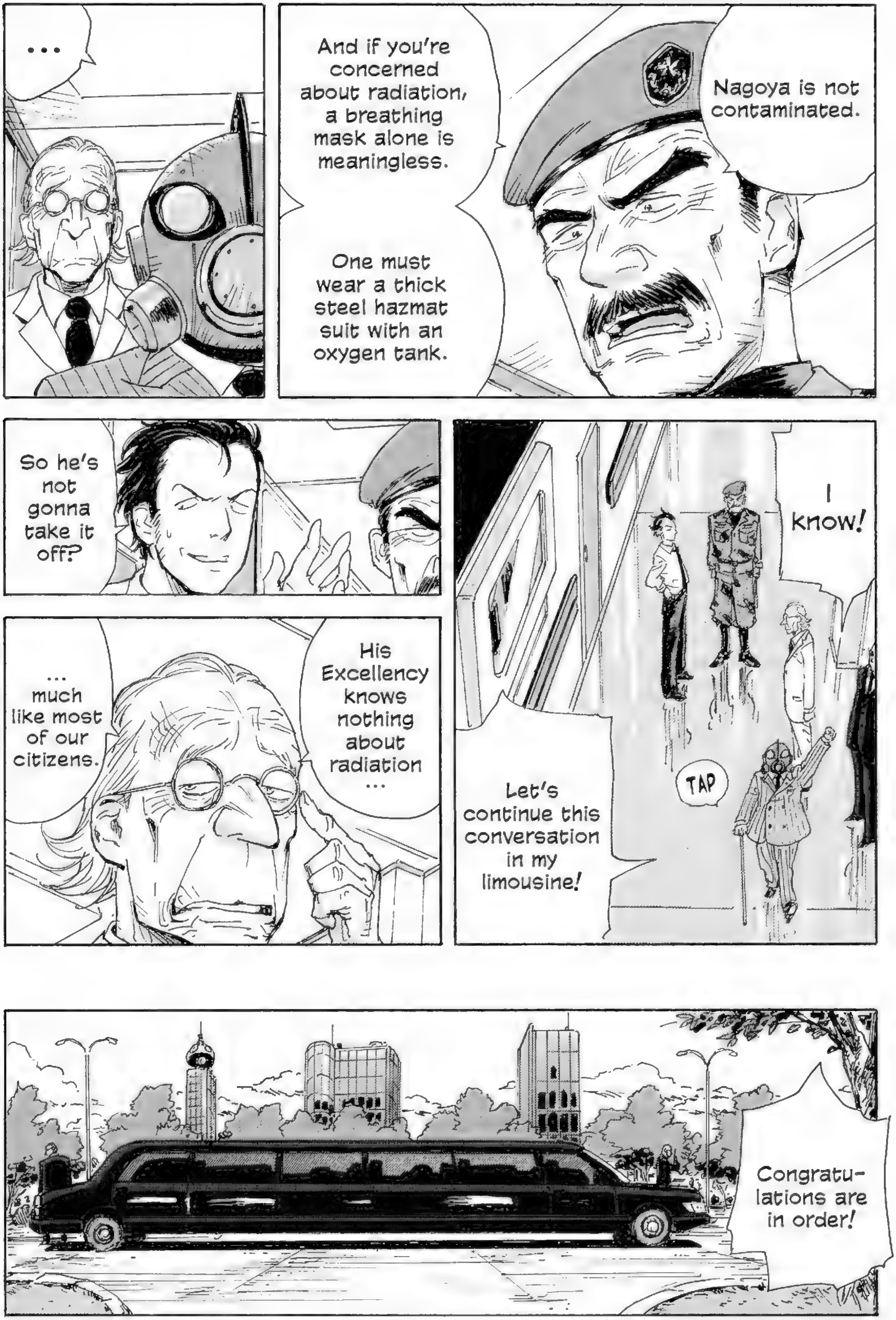
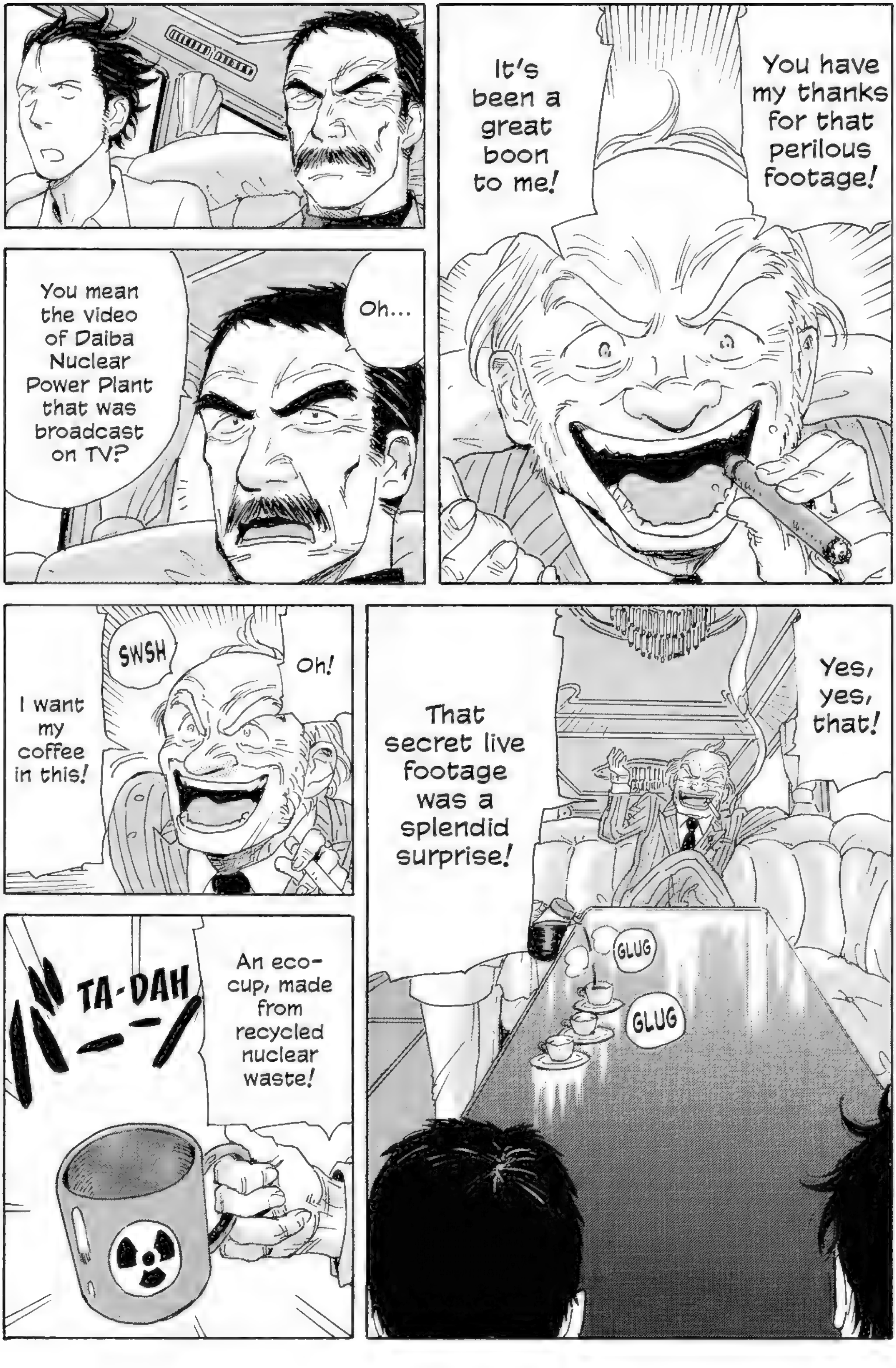
ブッ
...Gravely wounded, I see.
Taeko?
!
Taeko!!
PLIP


TOKYO NUCLEAR ACCIDENT SURVIVORS HOSPITAL
NAGOYA STATION
CLOP
CLOP
BWSH
VP...
FOOAH.
We're JGSDF... not security guards, right?
Isn't guarding this "Kyoto Conference" outside of our job description?
Like is Japan seriously that low on guards ...?
It's the Prime Minister's orders.
If you object, you can turn in your resignation, Ibuse.
Aha, there you are, Mishima!
Guh ...
Hard at work, I'm sure!
Well, I've come all the way from Kyoto, just for you!
TAP


Who the heck's this old midget?
FWIP
Midget?!
I'll have you know I'm the most powerful old man in Japan!!
The most powerf…
Wait a sec, is he…?
H-His Excellency, the Prime Minister?!
FWIP
Too late now!
Excuse me, Prime Minister Natsume, but…
…the air here is exceedingly clean.
There's no need to wear a breathing mask.
Hm…?
Oh…
Oh, yes! This is a hospital, after all!
Regardless, we're rather close to Tokyo…
If by any chance there's…


Nagoya is not contaminated.
And if you're concerned about radiation, a breathing mask alone is meaningless.
One must wear a thick steel hazmat suit with an oxygen tank.
...
I know!
Let's continue this conversation in my limousine!
TAP
So he's not gonna take it off?
His Excellency knows nothing about radiation ...
... much like most of our citizens.
Congratu-lations are in order!


You have my thanks for that perilous footage!
It's been a great boon to me!
Oh...
You mean the video of Daiba Nuclear Power Plant that was broadcast on TV?
Yes, yes, that!
That secret live footage was a splendid surprise!
GLUG
GLUG
Oh!
SWSH
I want my coffee in this!
An eco-cup, made from recycled nuclear waste!
TA-DAH

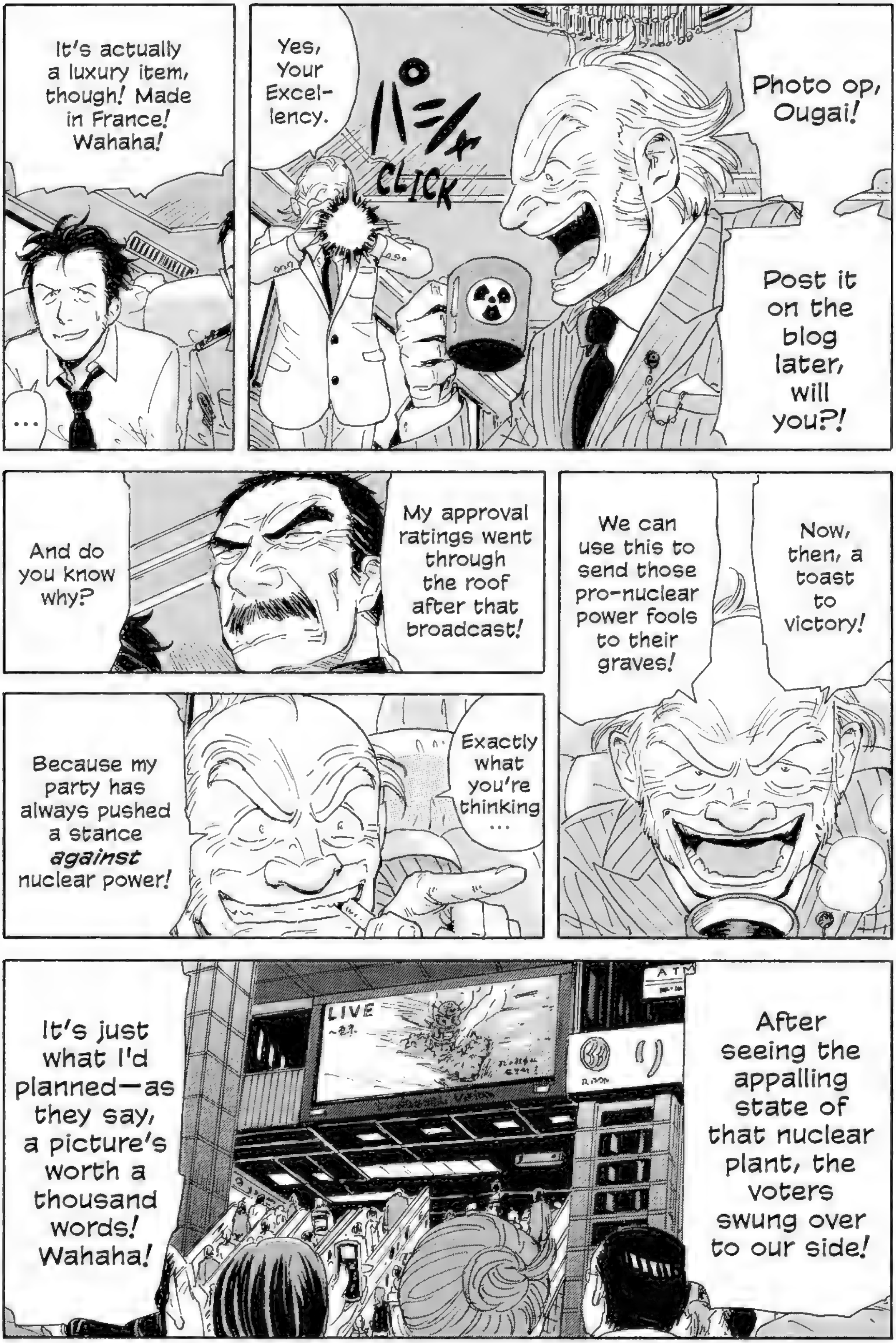
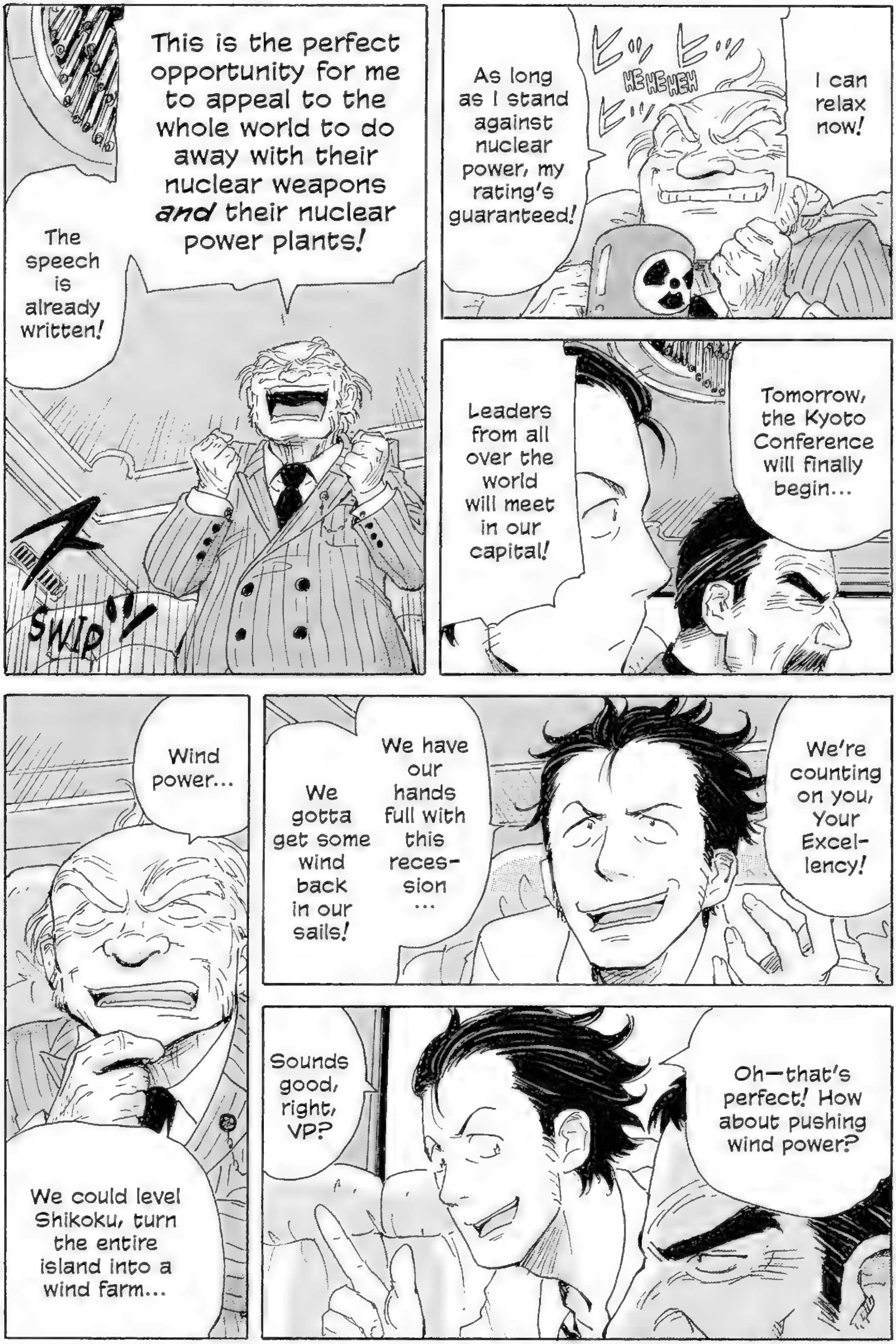
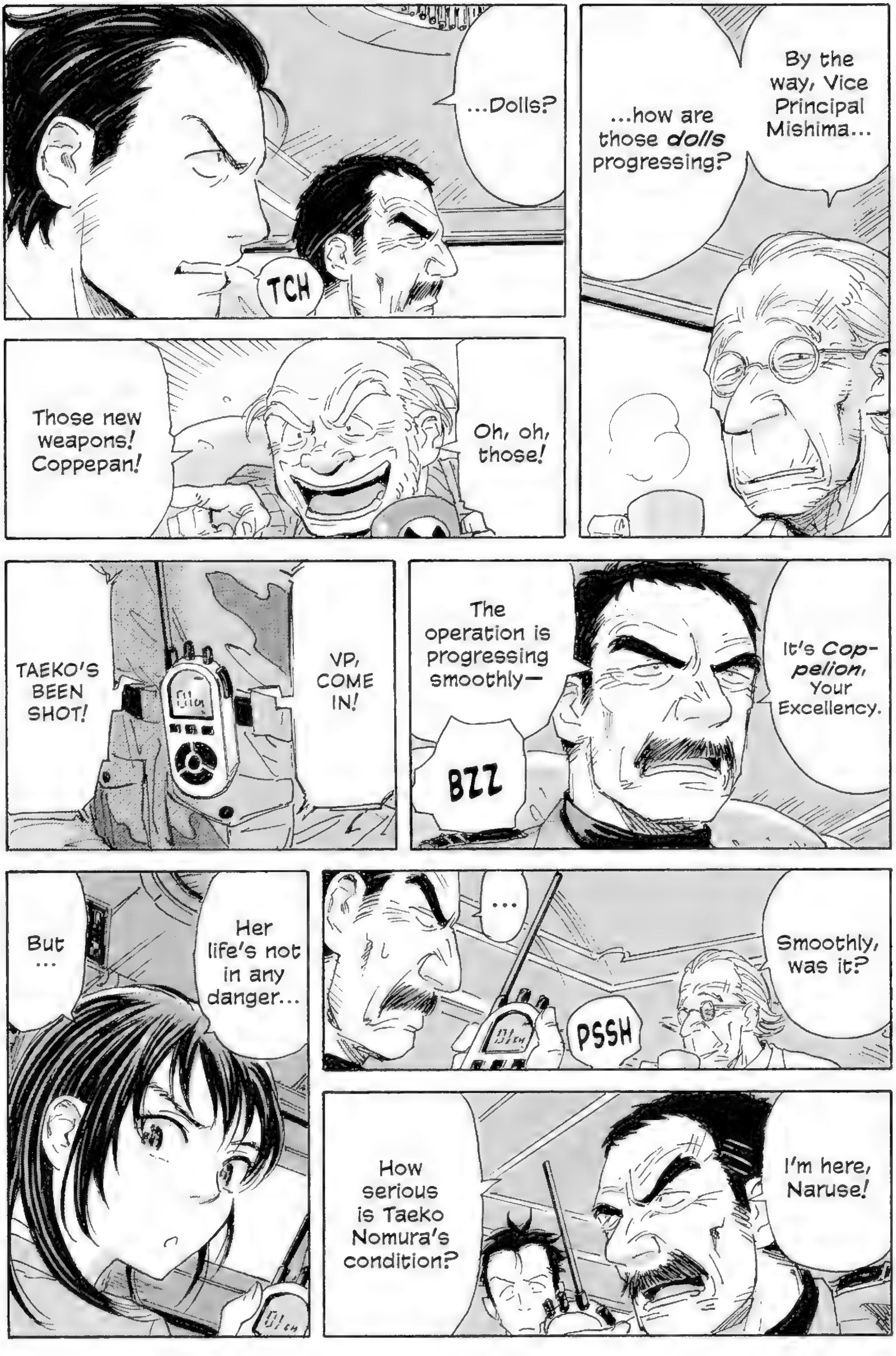
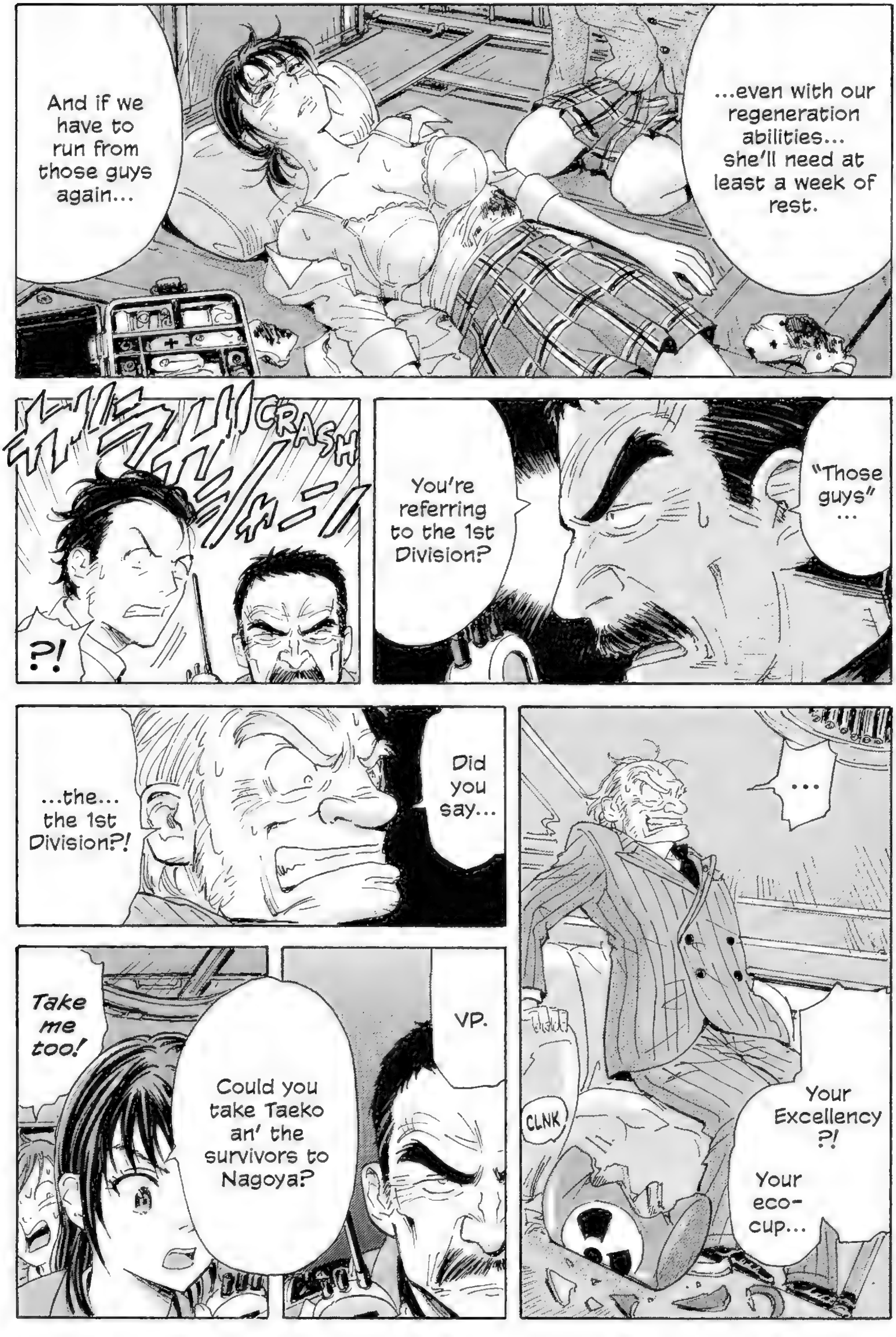
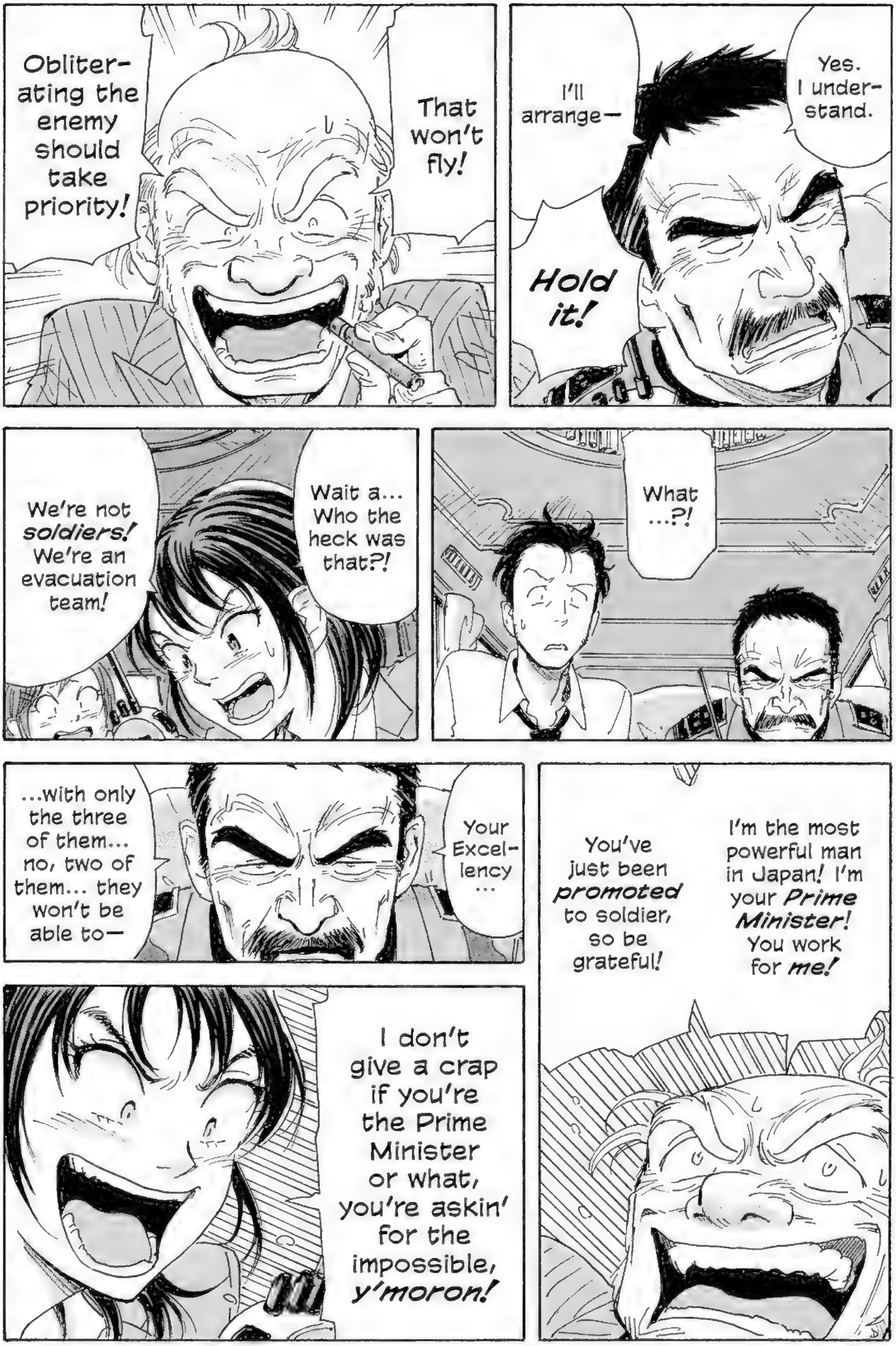


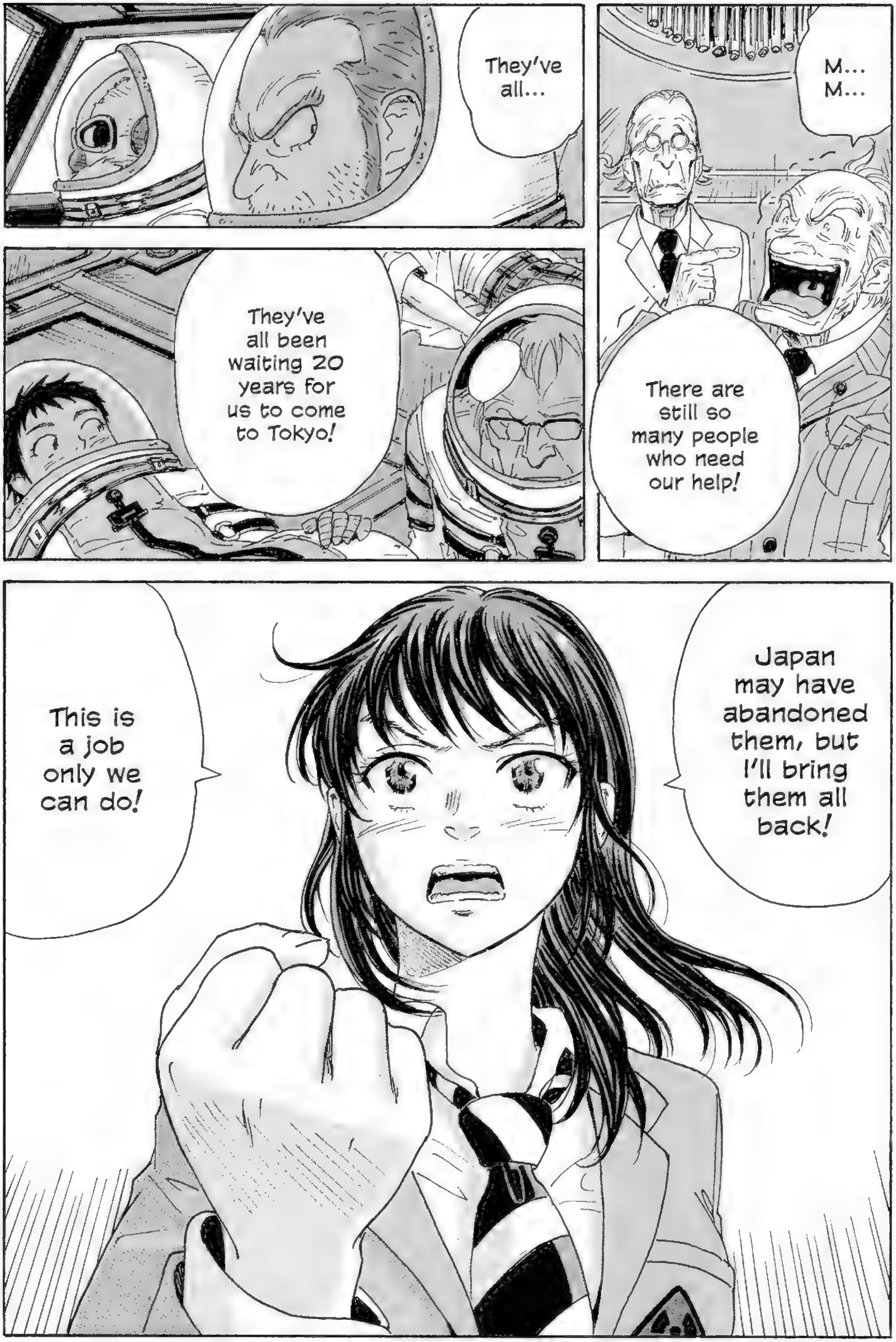
Photo op, Ougai!
Post it on the blog later, will you?!
パシャ
CLICK
Yes, Your Excellency.
It's actually a luxury item, though! Made in France! Wahaha!
...
Now, then, a toast to victory!
We can use this to send those pro-nuclear power fools to their graves!
My approval ratings went through the roof after that broadcast!
And do you know why?
Exactly what you're thinking...
Because my party has always pushed a stance *against* nuclear power!
LIVE
ATM
After seeing the appalling state of that nuclear plant, the voters swung over to our side!
It's just what I'd planned—as they say, a picture's worth a thousand words! Wahaha!

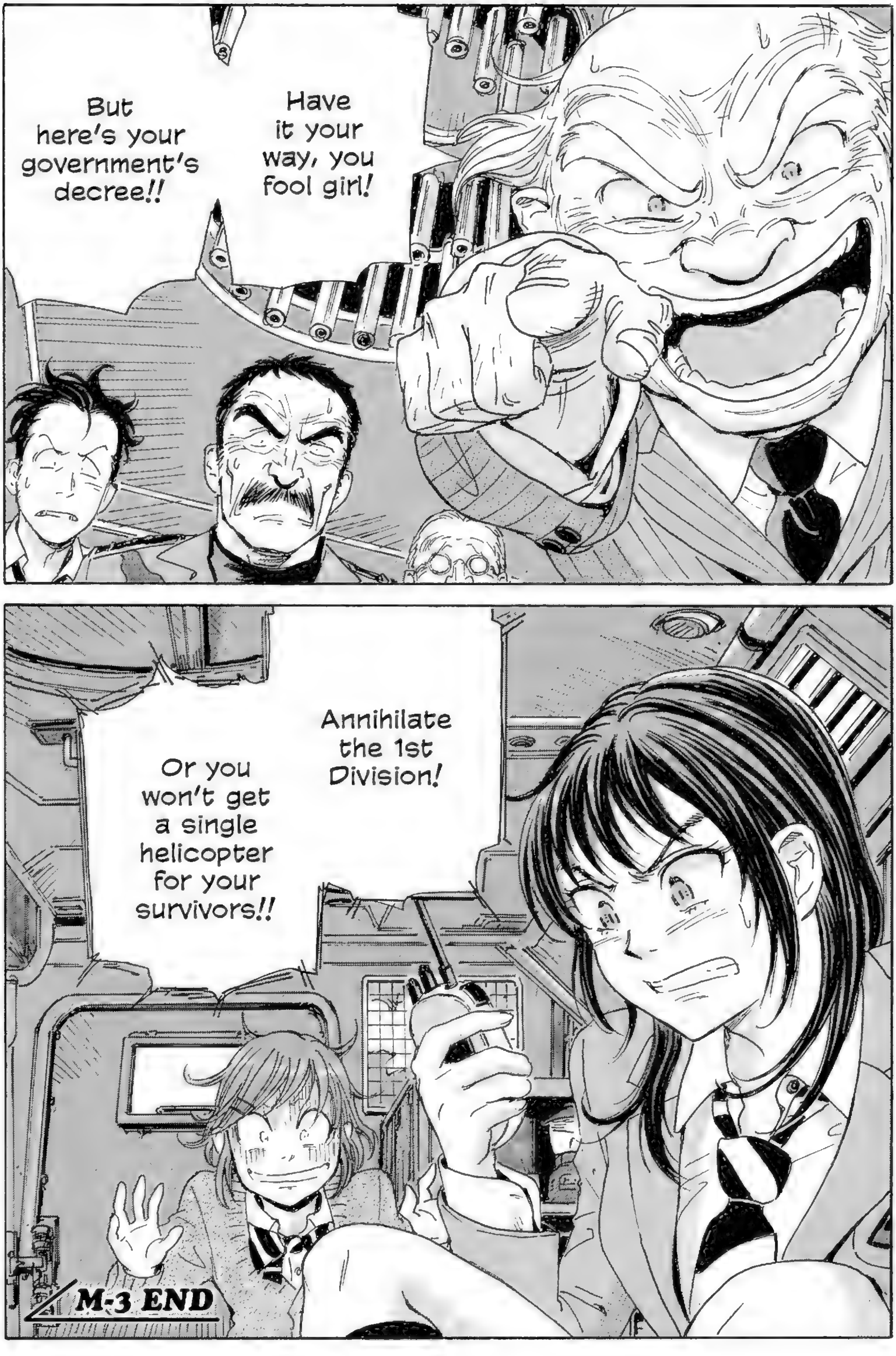

I can relax now!
HEHEHEH
As long as I stand against nuclear power, my rating's guaranteed!
Tomorrow, the Kyoto Conference will finally begin...
Leaders from all over the world will meet in our capital!
This is the perfect opportunity for me to appeal to the whole world to do away with their nuclear weapons *and* their nuclear power plants!
The speech is already written!
SWIP
We're counting on you, Your Excellency!
We have our hands full with this recession...
We gotta get some wind back in our sails!
Oh—that's perfect! How about pushing wind power?
Sounds good, right, VP?
Wind power...
We could level Shikoku, turn the entire island into a wind farm...


By the way, Vice Principal Mishima...
...how are those *dolls* progressing?
...Dolls?
TCH
Oh, oh, those!
Those new weapons! Coppepan!
It's *Coppelion,* Your Excellency.
The operation is progressing smoothly—
BZZ
VP, COME IN!
TAEKO'S BEEN SHOT!
Smoothly, was it?
...
PSSH
I'm here, Naruse!
How serious is Taeko Nomura's condition?
Her life's not in any danger...
But ...

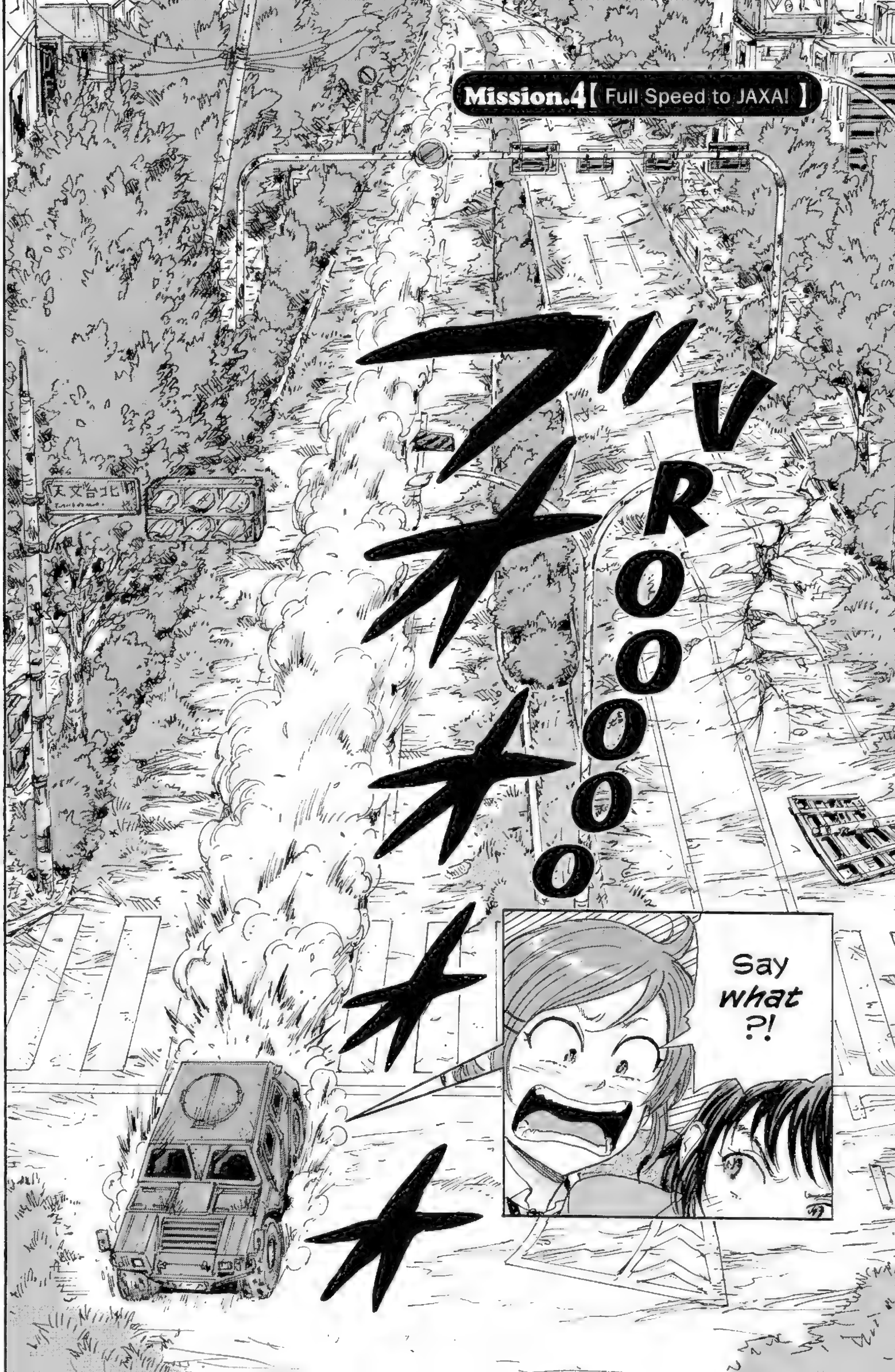

...even with our regeneration abilities... she'll need at least a week of rest.
And if we have to run from those guys again...
"Those guys"...
You're referring to the 1st Division?
CRASH
?!
Did you say...
...the... the 1st Division?!
...
Your Excellency?!
Your eco-cup...
CLNK
VP.
Could you take Taeko an' the survivors to Nagoya?
Take me too!

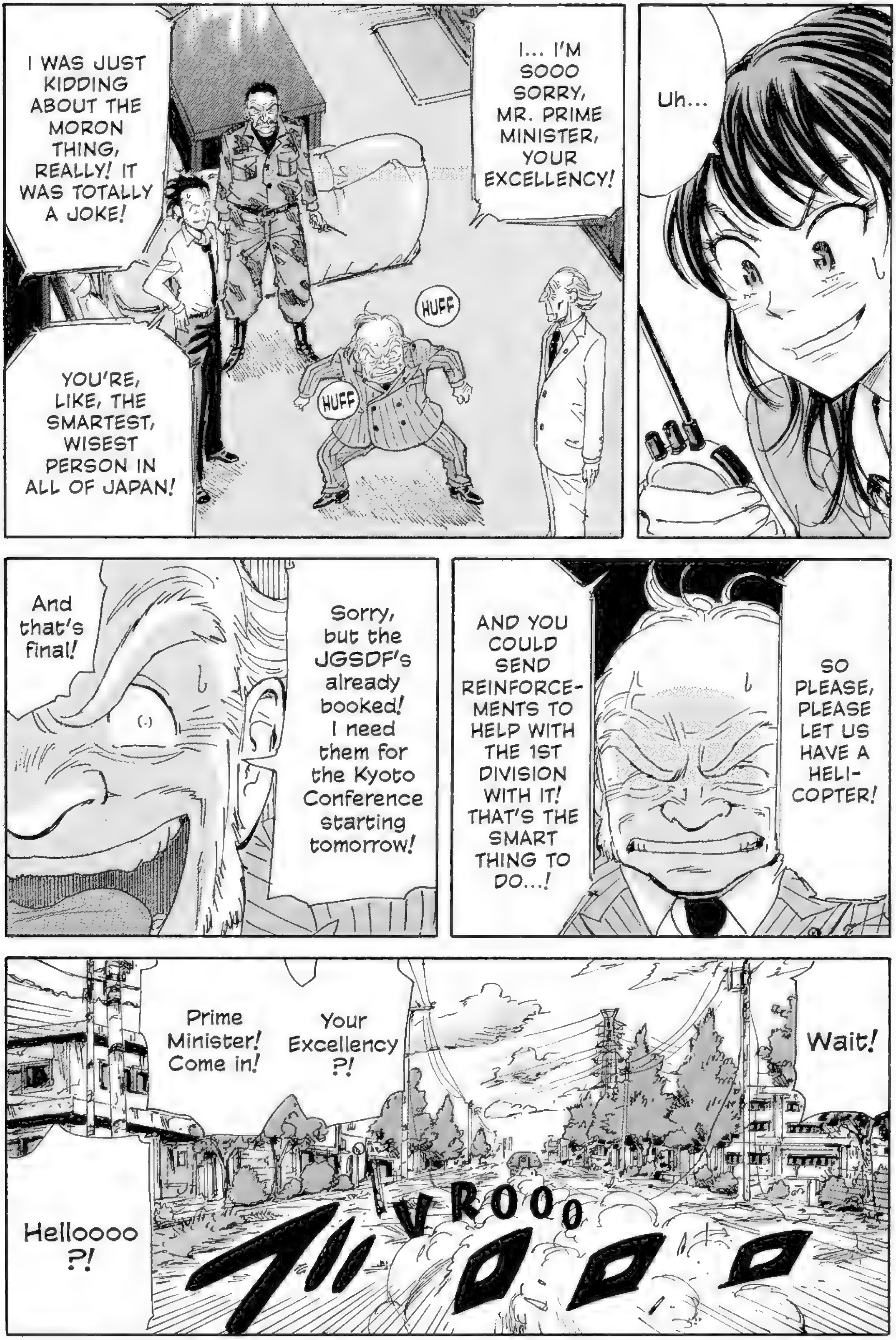

That won't fly!
Obliterating the enemy should take priority!
Yes. I understand.
I'll arrange—
Hold it!
We're not soldiers! We're an evacuation team!
Wait a... Who the heck was that?!
What ...?!
Your Excellency ...
...with only the three of them... no, two of them... they won't be able to—
I'm the most powerful man in Japan! I'm your Prime Minister! You work for me!
You've just been promoted to soldier, so be grateful!
I don't give a crap if you're the Prime Minister or what, you're askin' for the impossible, y'moron!

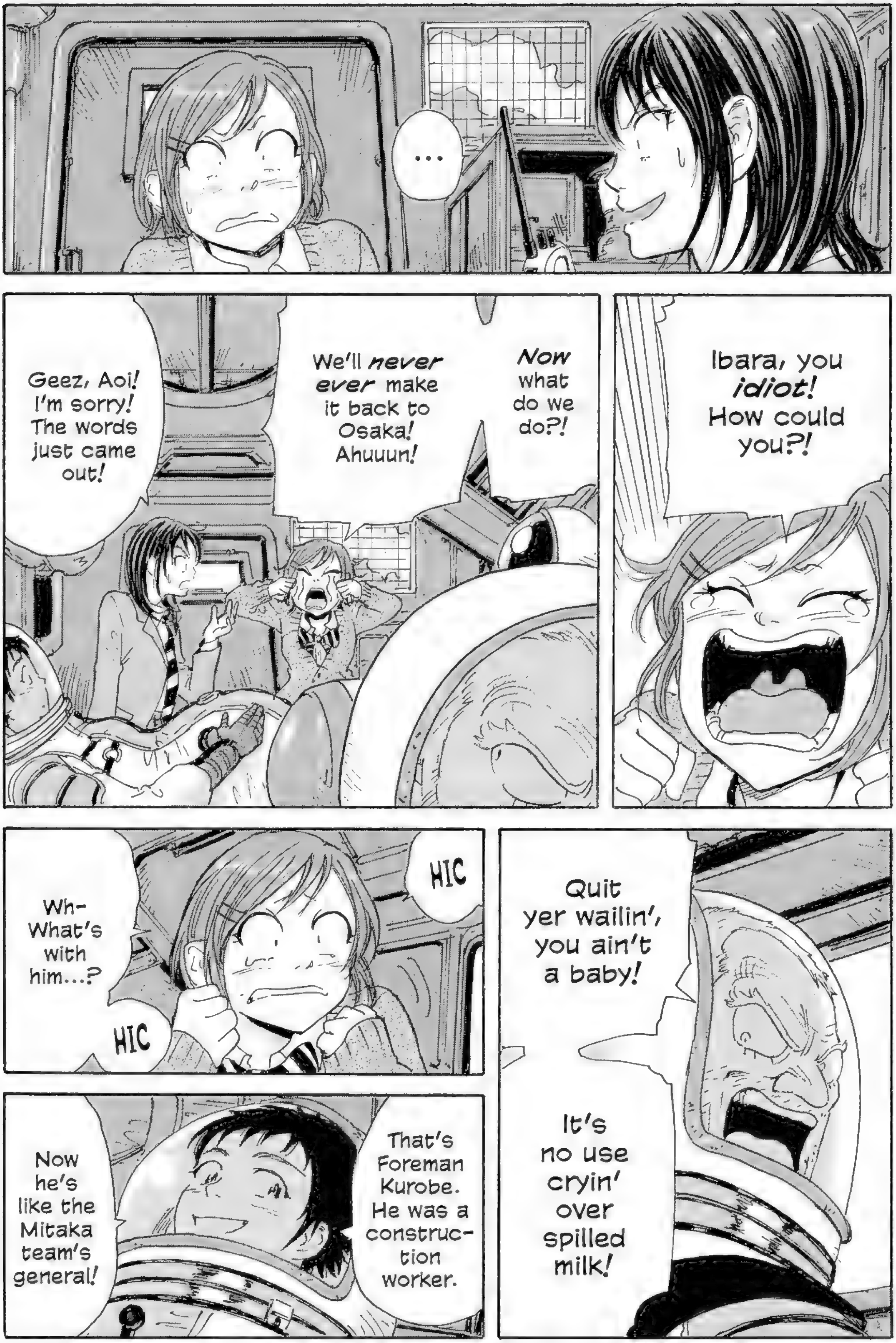

M... M...
They've all...
They've all been waiting 20 years for us to come to Tokyo!
There are still so many people who need our help!
Japan may have abandoned them, but I'll bring them all back!
This is a job only we can do!

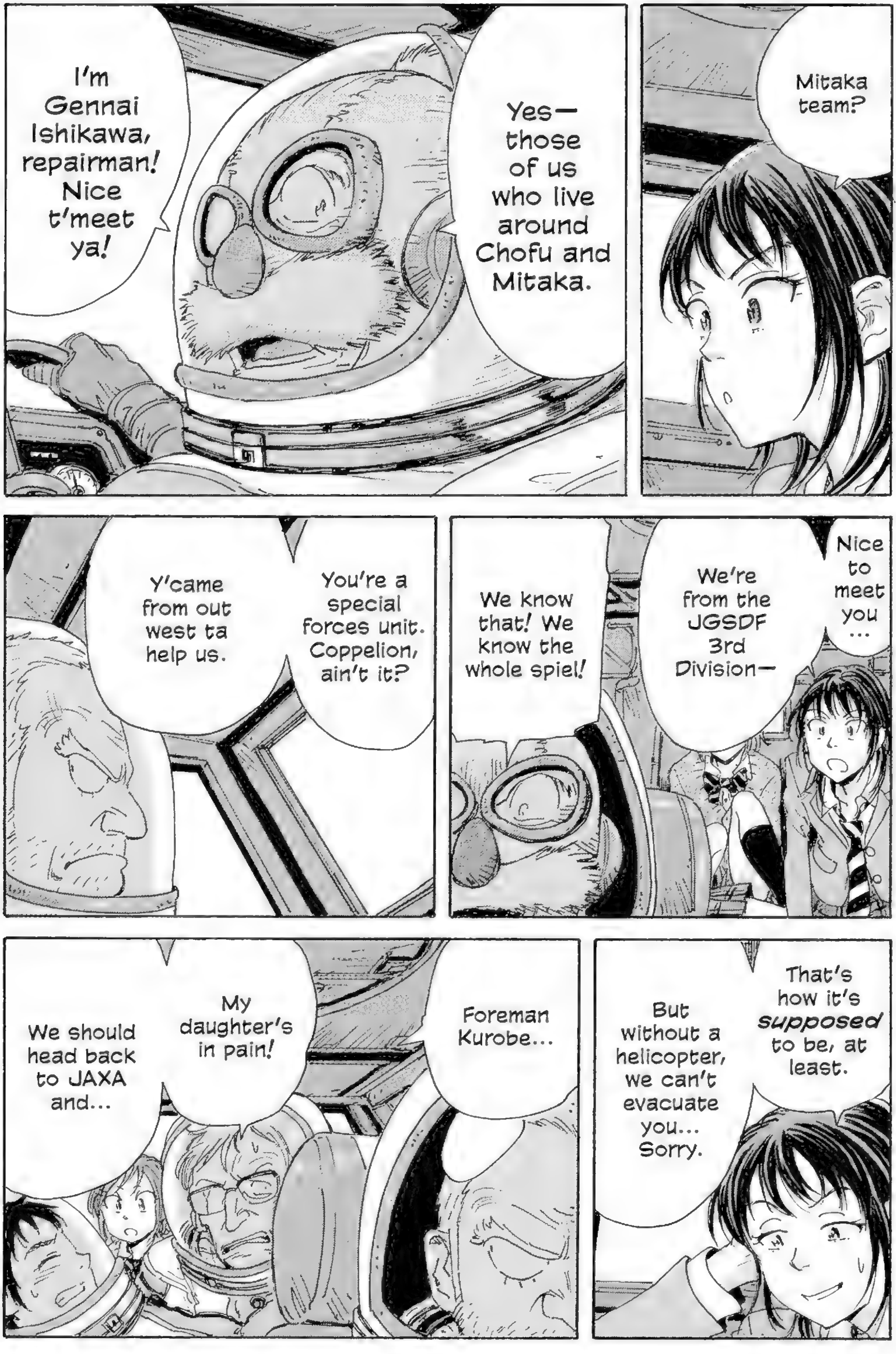

Have it your way, you fool girl!
But here's your government's decree!!
Annihilate the 1st Division!
Or you won't get a single helicopter for your survivors!!
M-3 END

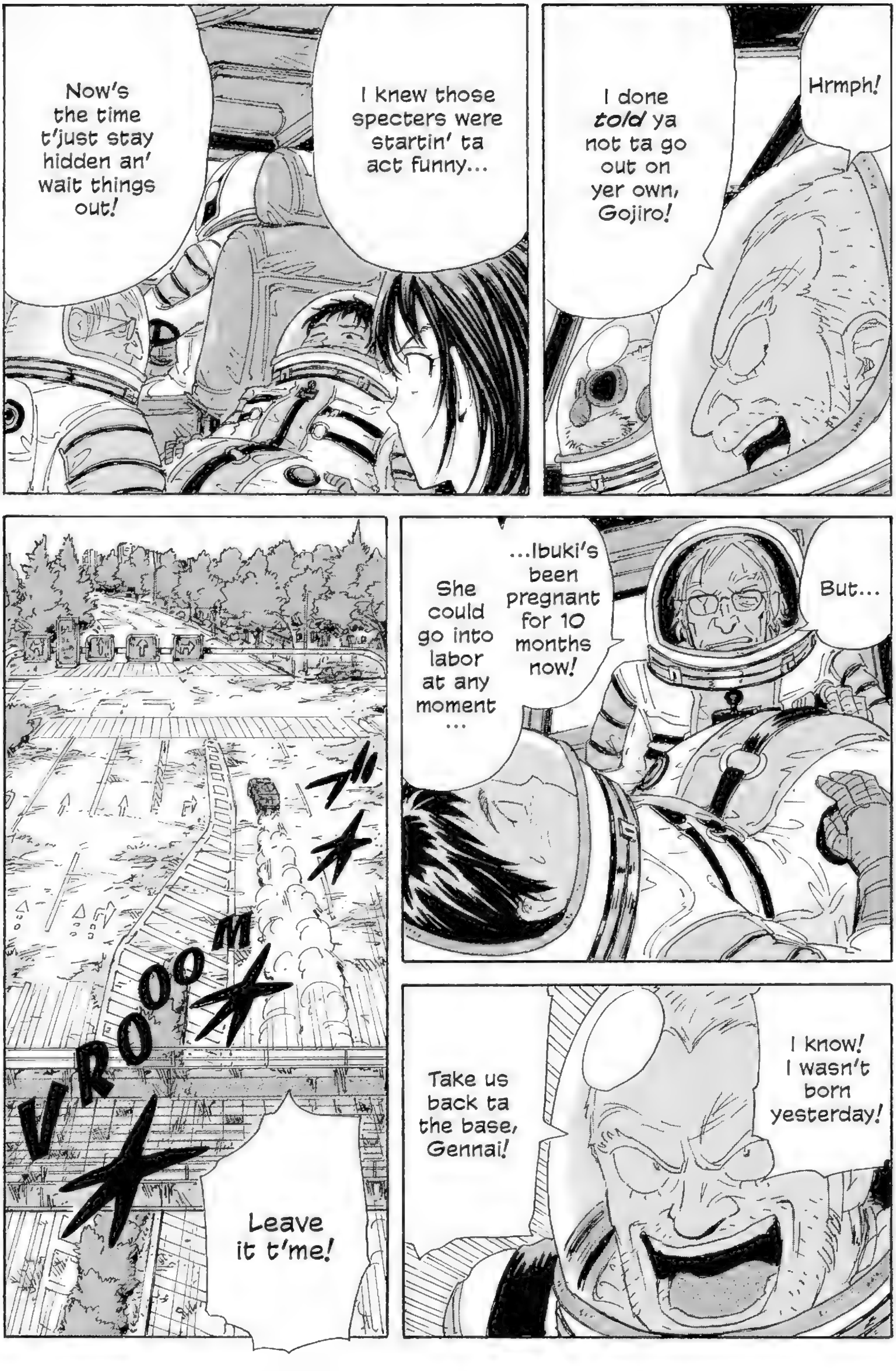
Mission.4【Full Speed to JAXA!】

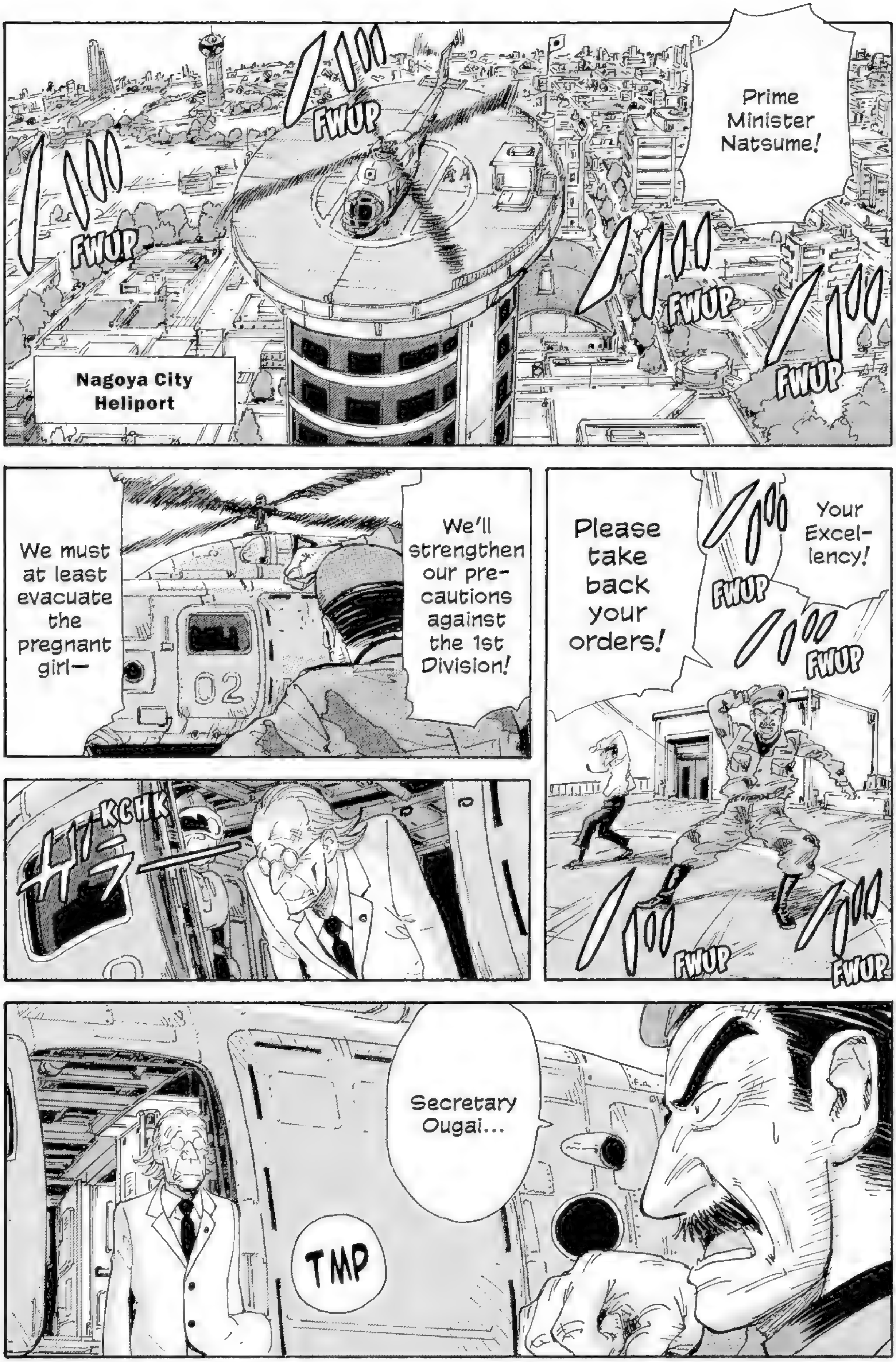

天文台北
ブイイイイイ
VROOOOOO
Say what?!

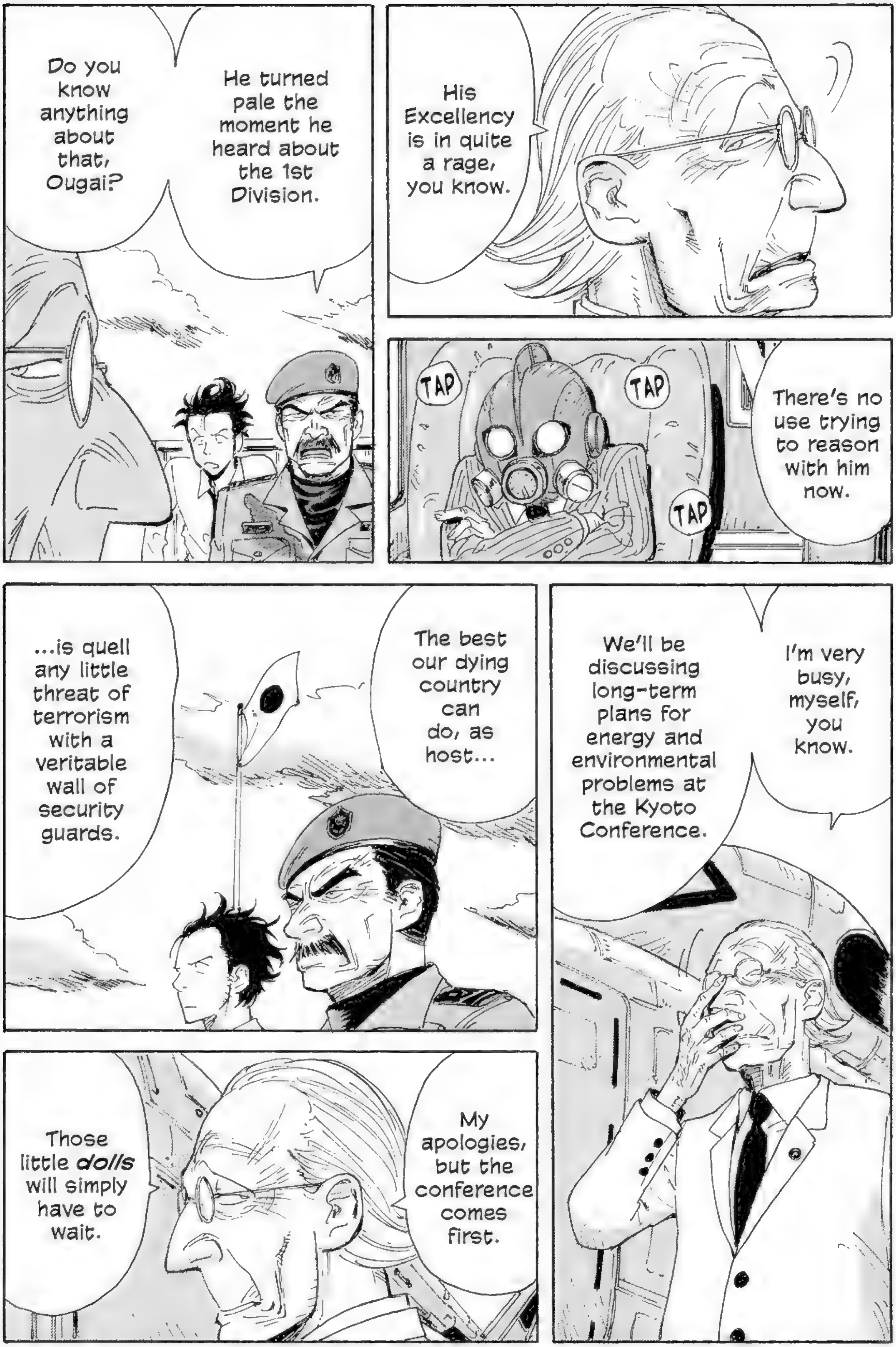

Uh...
I... I'M SOOO SORRY, MR. PRIME MINISTER, YOUR EXCELLENCY!
I WAS JUST KIDDING ABOUT THE MORON THING, REALLY! IT WAS TOTALLY A JOKE!
HUFF
HUFF
YOU'RE, LIKE, THE SMARTEST, WISEST PERSON IN ALL OF JAPAN!
SO PLEASE, PLEASE LET US HAVE A HELICOPTER!
AND YOU COULD SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO HELP WITH THE 1ST DIVISION WITH IT! THAT'S THE SMART THING TO DO...!
Sorry, but the JGSDF's already booked! I need them for the Kyoto Conference starting tomorrow!
And that's final!
Wait!
Your Excellency?!
Prime Minister! Come in!
Helloooo?!
VROOOo

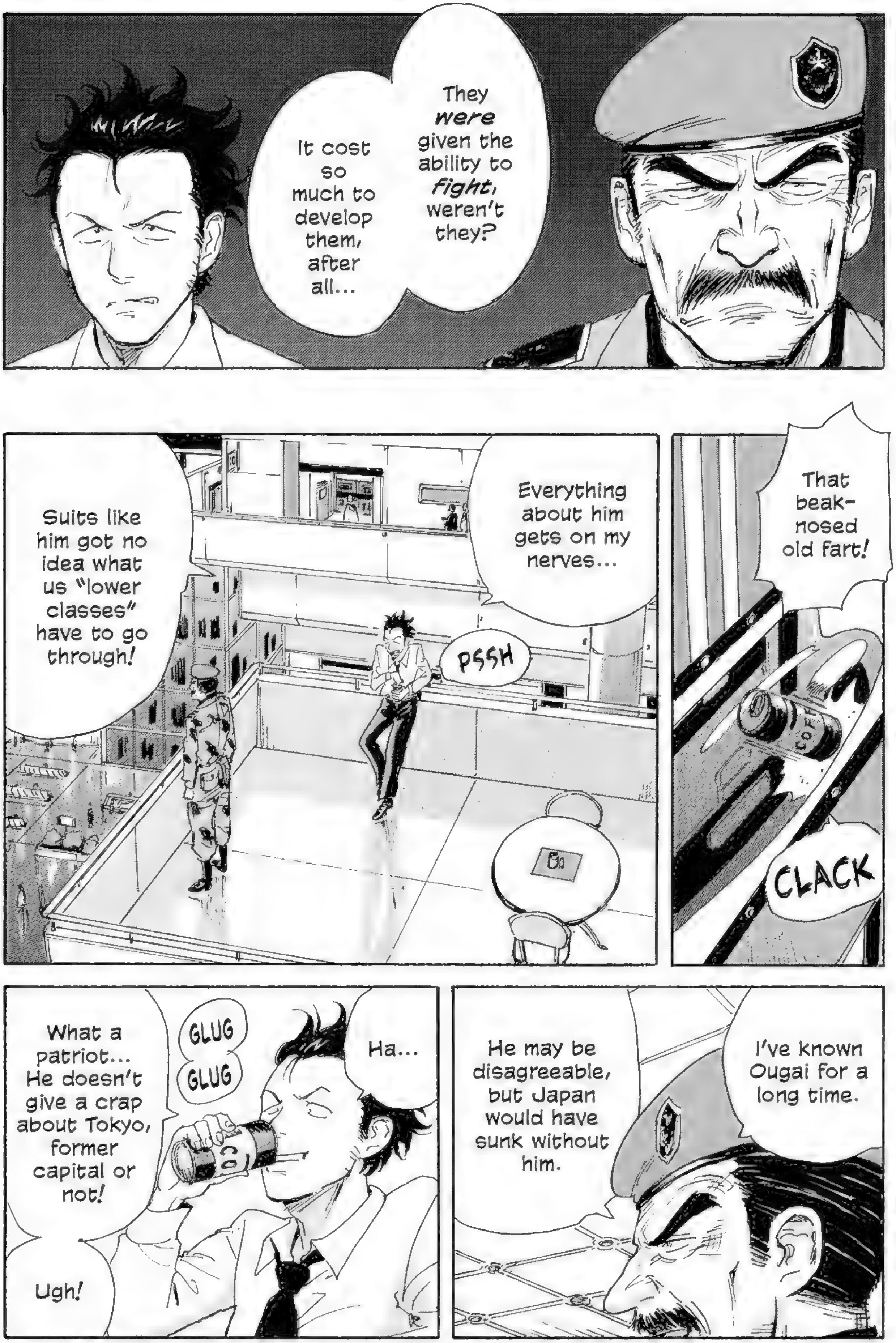

...
Ibara, you *idiot!* How could you?!
Now what do we do?!
We'll *never ever* make it back to Osaka! Ahuuun!
Geez, Aoi! I'm sorry! The words just came out!
Quit yer wailin', you ain't a baby!
It's no use cryin' over spilled milk!
HIC
Wh- What's with him...?
HIC
That's Foreman Kurobe. He was a construction worker.
Now he's like the Mitaka team's general!

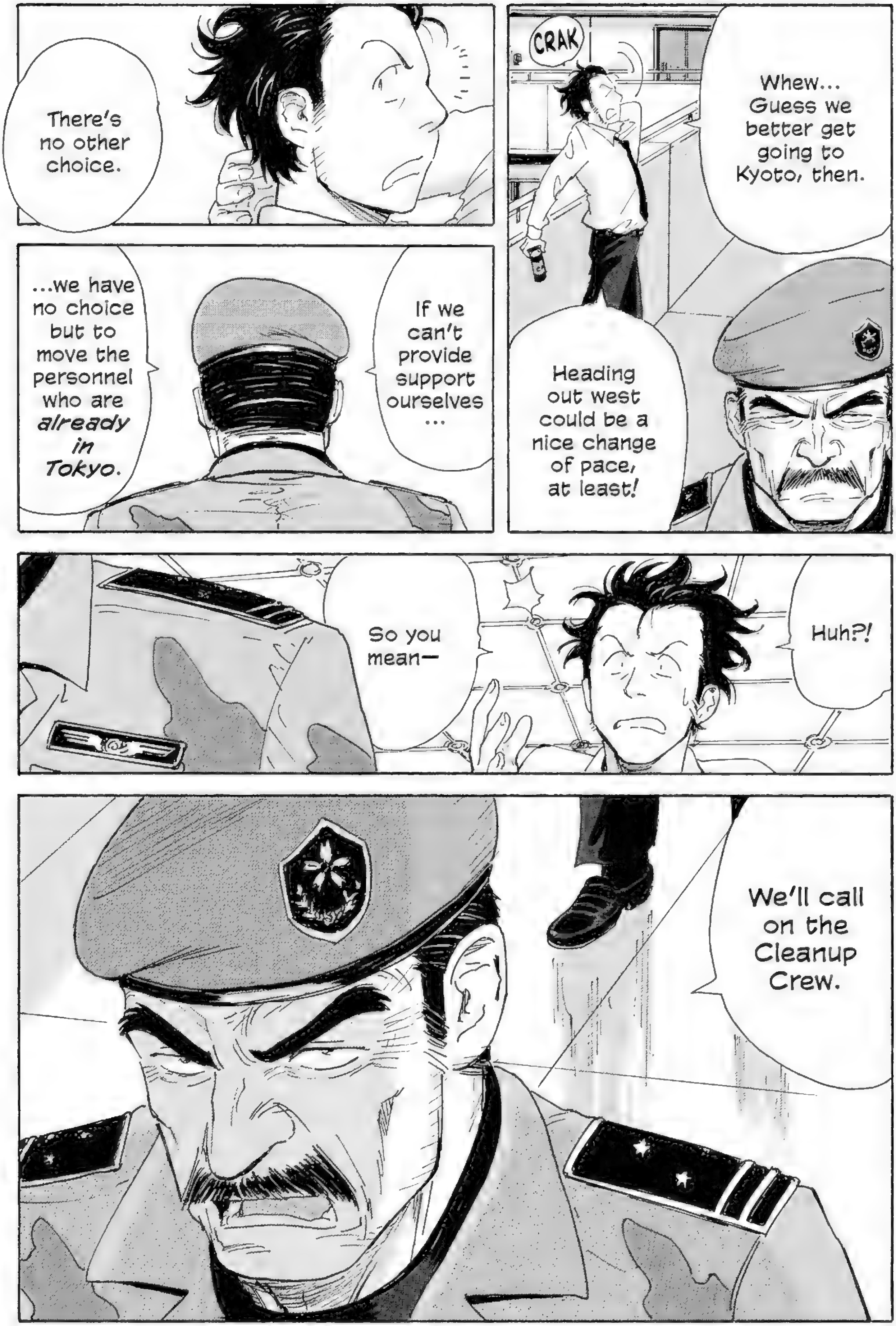

Mitaka team?
Yes—those of us who live around Chofu and Mitaka.
I'm Gennai Ishikawa, repairman! Nice t'meet ya!
Nice to meet you...
We're from the JGSDF 3rd Division—
We know that! We know the whole spiel!
You're a special forces unit. Coppelion, ain't it?
Y'came from out west ta help us.
That's how it's *supposed* to be, at least.
But without a helicopter, we can't evacuate you... Sorry.
Foreman Kurobe...
My daughter's in pain!
We should head back to JAXA and...

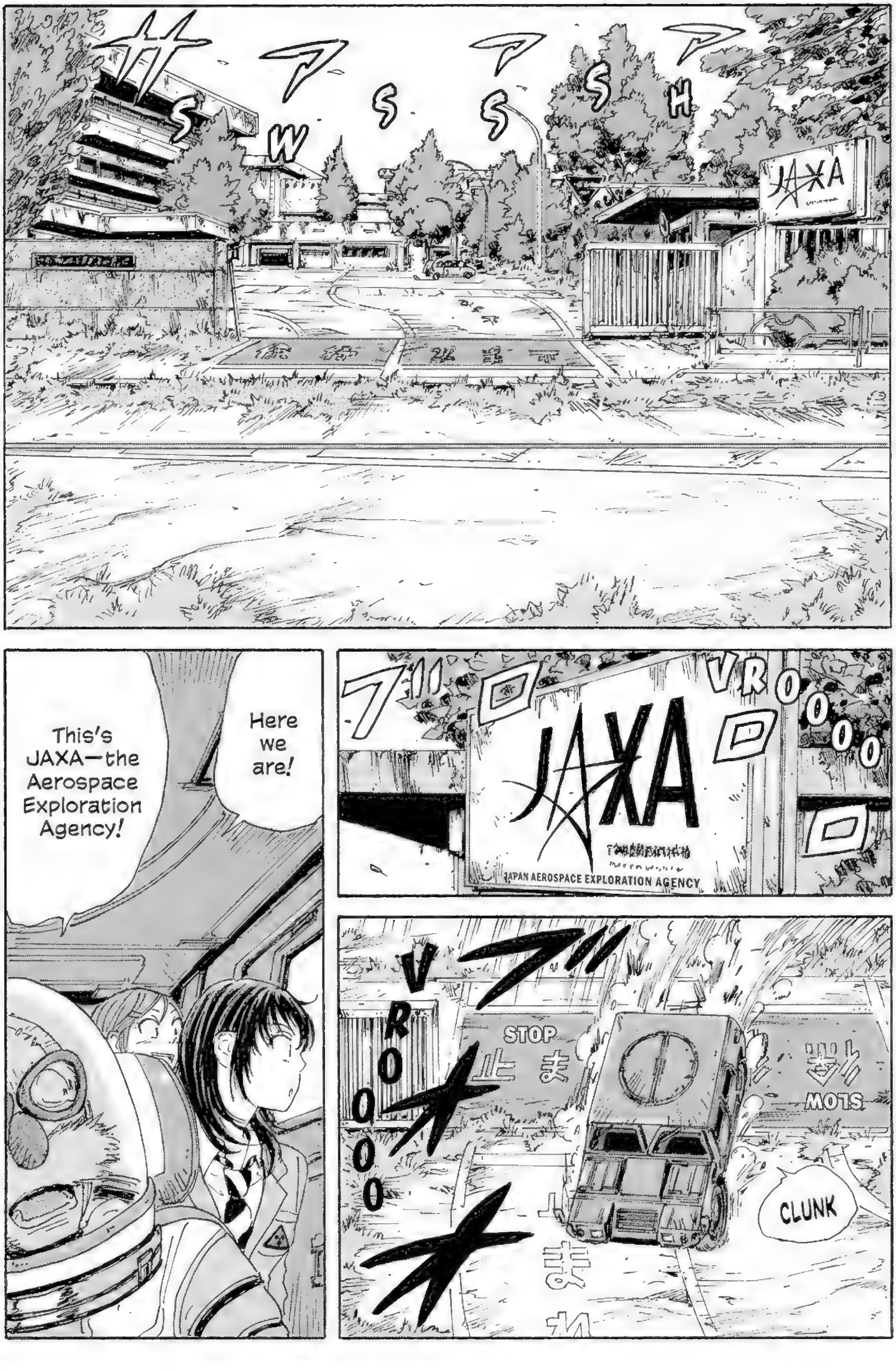

Hrmph!
I done *told* ya not ta go out on yer own, Gojiro!
I knew those specters were startin' ta act funny...
Now's the time t'just stay hidden an' wait things out!
But...
...Ibuki's been pregnant for 10 months now!
She could go into labor at any moment...
I know! I wasn't born yesterday!
Take us back ta the base, Gennai!
VROOOOM
Leave it t'me!


Prime Minister Natsume!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
Nagoya City Heliport
Your Excellency!
Please take back your orders!
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
FWUP
We'll strengthen our precautions against the 1st Division!
We must at least evacuate the pregnant girl—
02
KCHK
Secretary Ougai...
TMP


His Excellency is in quite a rage, you know.
He turned pale the moment he heard about the 1st Division.
Do you know anything about that, Ougai?
TAP
TAP
TAP
There's no use trying to reason with him now.
I'm very busy, myself, you know.
We'll be discussing long-term plans for energy and environmental problems at the Kyoto Conference.
The best our dying country can do, as host...
...is quell any little threat of terrorism with a veritable wall of security guards.
My apologies, but the conference comes first.
Those little *dolls* will simply have to wait.


They *were* given the ability to *fight*, weren't they?
It cost so much to develop them, after all...
That beak-nosed old fart!
CLACK
Everything about him gets on my nerves...
PSSH
Suits like him got no idea what us "lower classes" have to go through!
I've known Ougai for a long time.
He may be disagreeable, but Japan would have sunk without him.
Ha...
GLUG
GLUG
What a patriot... He doesn't give a crap about Tokyo, former capital or not!
Ugh!


CRAK
Whew... Guess we better get going to Kyoto, then.
Heading out west could be a nice change of pace, at least!
There's no other choice.
If we can't provide support ourselves...
...we have no choice but to move the personnel who are *already in Tokyo*.
Huh?!
So you mean—
We'll call on the Cleanup Crew.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JAXA
JAPAN AEROSPACE EXPLORATION AGENCY
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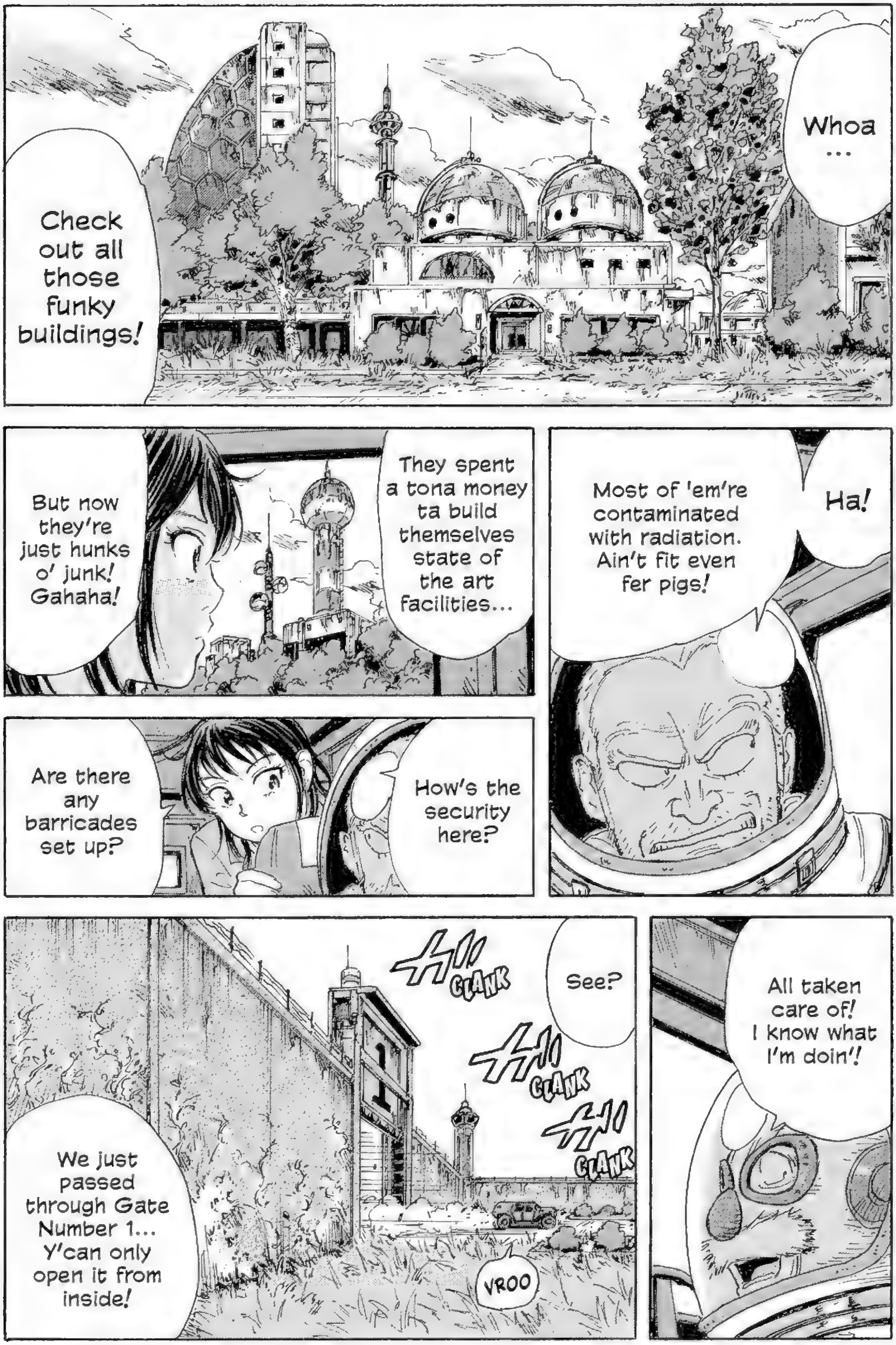
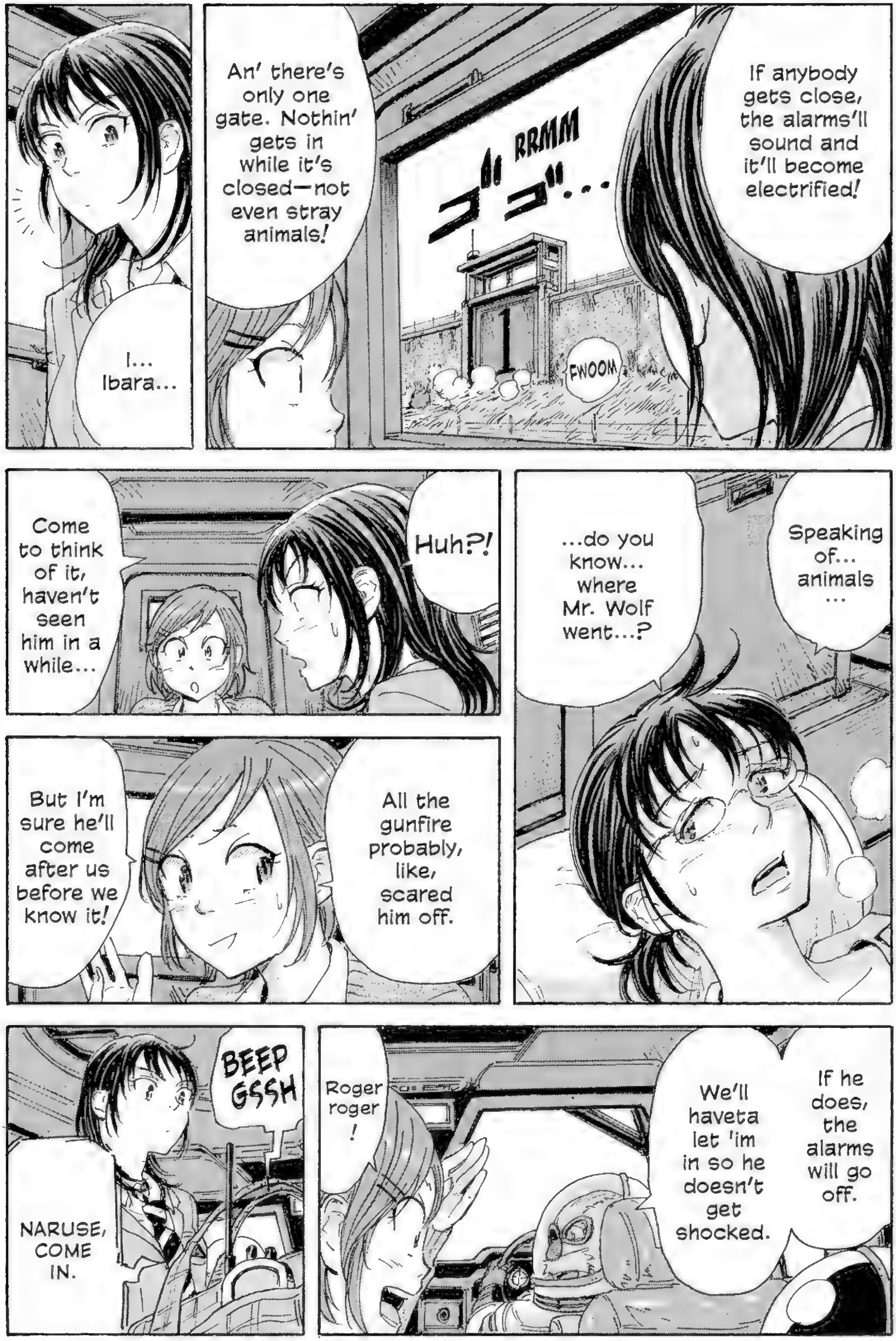
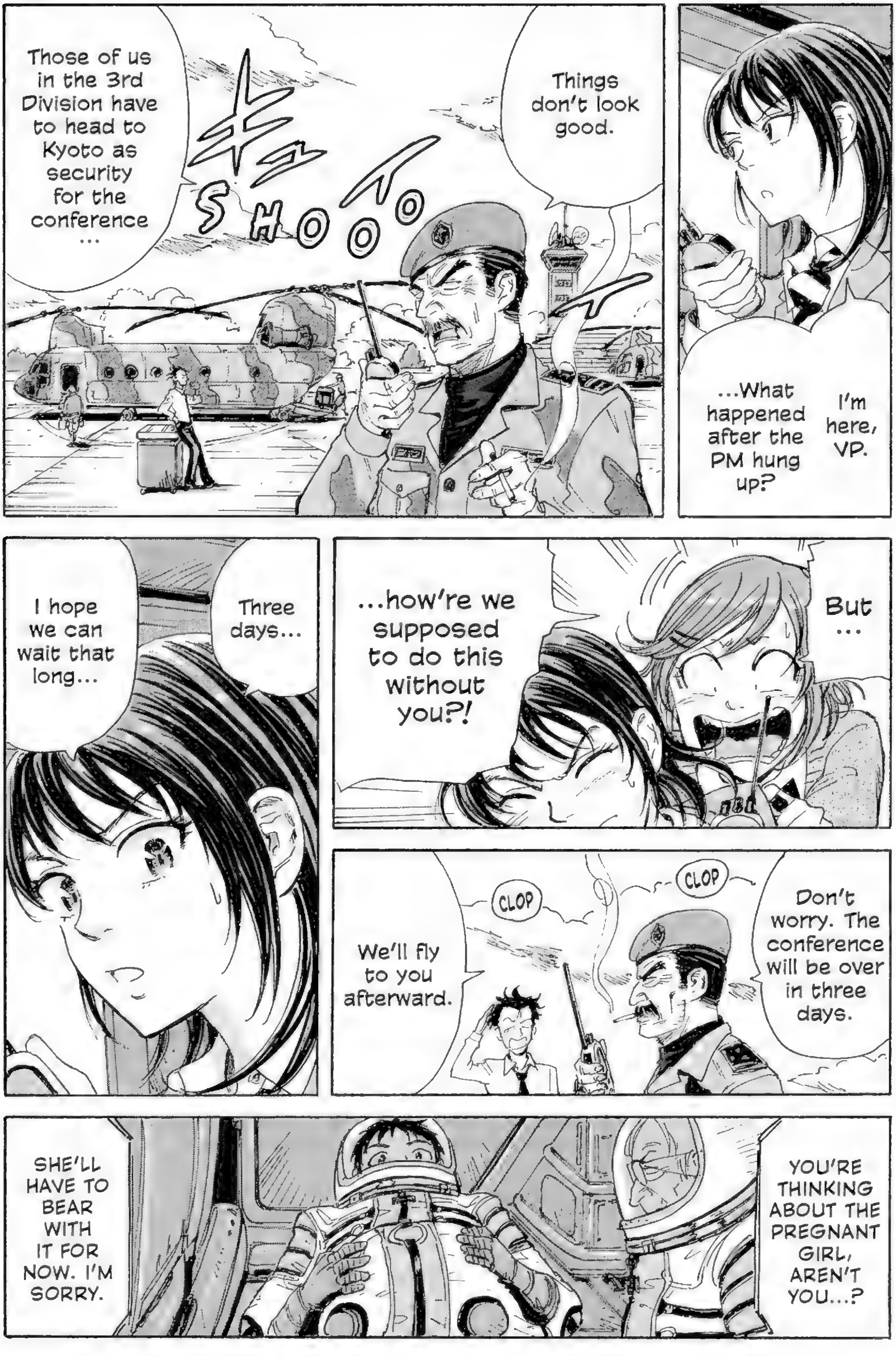
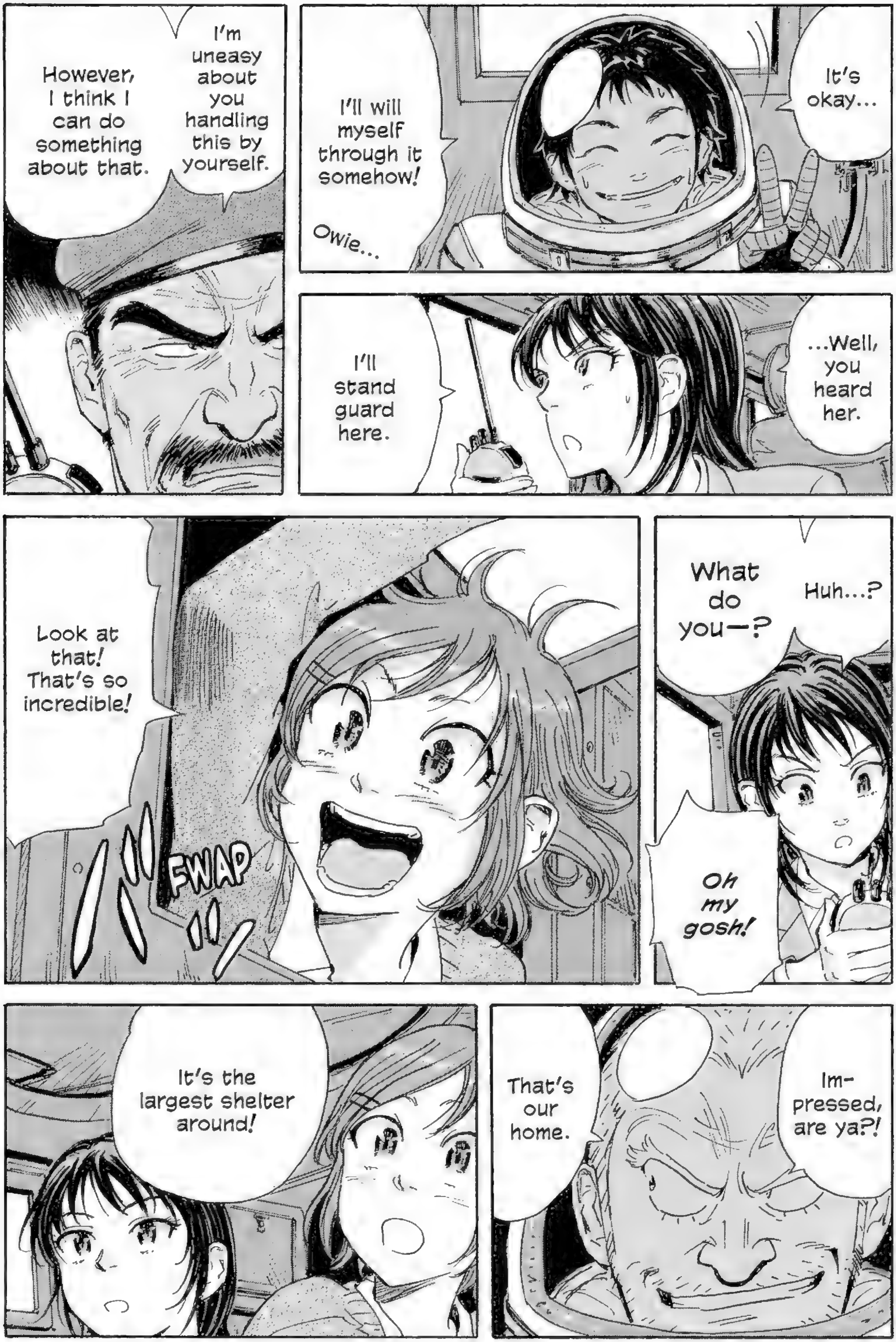
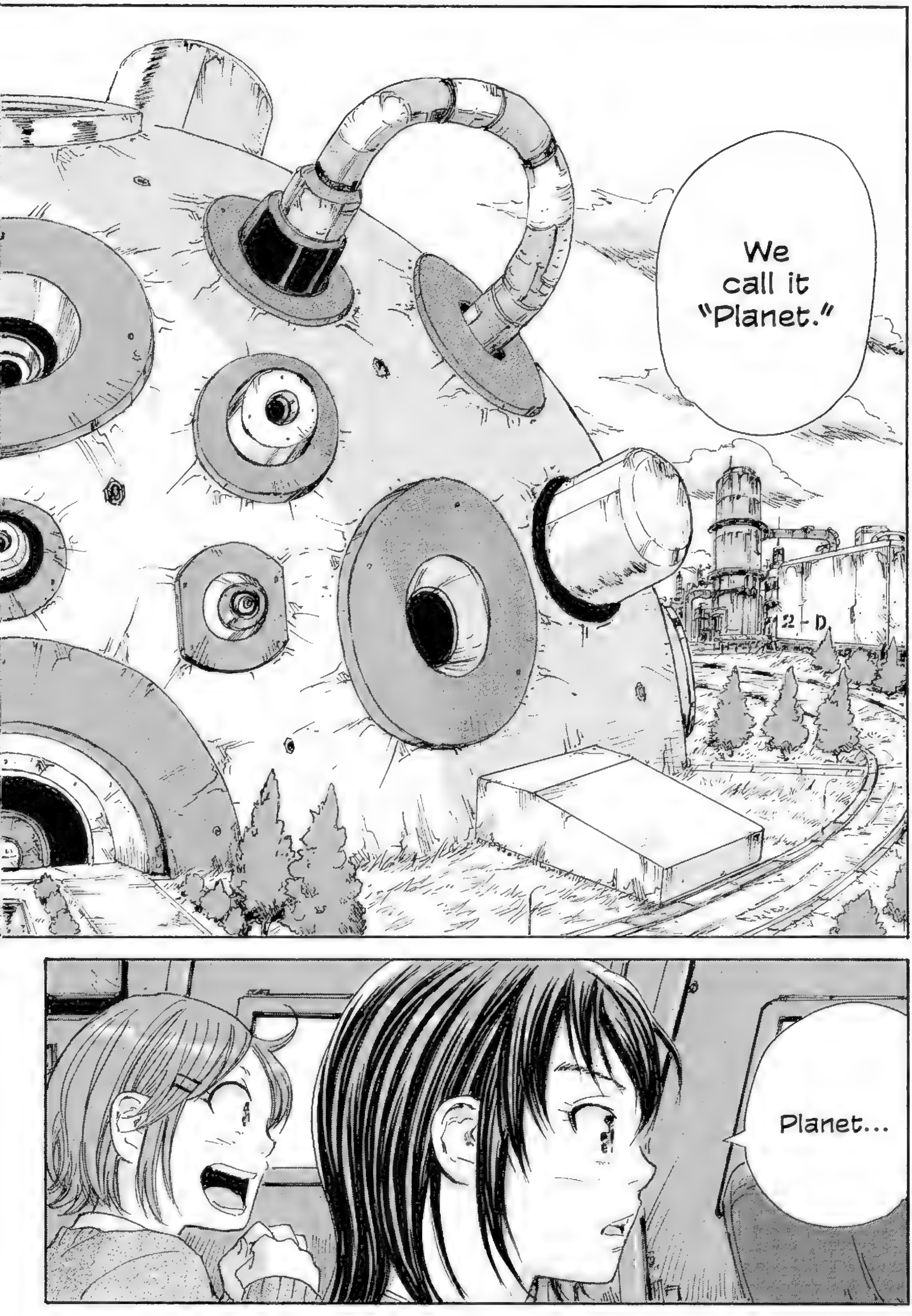
STOP
止ま
SLOW
CLUNK
Here we are!
This's JAXA—the Aerospace Exploration Agency!


Whoa …
Check out all those funky buildings!
Ha!
Most of 'em're contaminated with radiation. Ain't fit even fer pigs!
They spent a tona money ta build themselves state of the art facilities…
But now they're just hunks o' junk! Gahaha!
How's the security here?
Are there any barricades set up?
All taken care of! I know what I'm doin'!
See?
CLANK
CLANK
CLANK
We just passed through Gate Number 1… Y'can only open it from inside!
VROO


If anybody gets close, the alarms'll sound and it'll become electrified!
ゴゴ…
RRMM
FWOOM
An' there's only one gate. Nothin' gets in while it's closed—not even stray animals!
I... Ibara...
Speaking of... animals...
...do you know... where Mr. Wolf went...?
Huh?!
Come to think of it, haven't seen him in a while...
All the gunfire probably, like, scared him off.
But I'm sure he'll come after us before we know it!
If he does, the alarms will go off.
We'll haveta let 'im in so he doesn't get shocked.
Roger roger!
BEEP GSSH
NARUSE, COME IN.


I'm here, VP.
...What happened after the PM hung up?
Things don't look good.
SHOOO
Those of us in the 3rd Division have to head to Kyoto as security for the conference...
But...
...how're we supposed to do this without you?!
CLOP
CLOP
Don't worry. The conference will be over in three days.
We'll fly to you afterward.
Three days...
I hope we can wait that long...
YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THE PREGNANT GIRL, AREN'T YOU...?
SHE'LL HAVE TO BEAR WITH IT FOR NOW. I'M SORRY.


It's okay...
I'll will myself through it somehow!
Owie...
...Well, you heard her.
I'll stand guard here.
I'm uneasy about you handling this by yourself.
However, I think I can do something about that.
Huh...?
What do you—?
Oh my gosh!
Look at that! That's so incredible!
FWAP
Im-pressed, are ya?!
That's our home.
It's the largest shelter around!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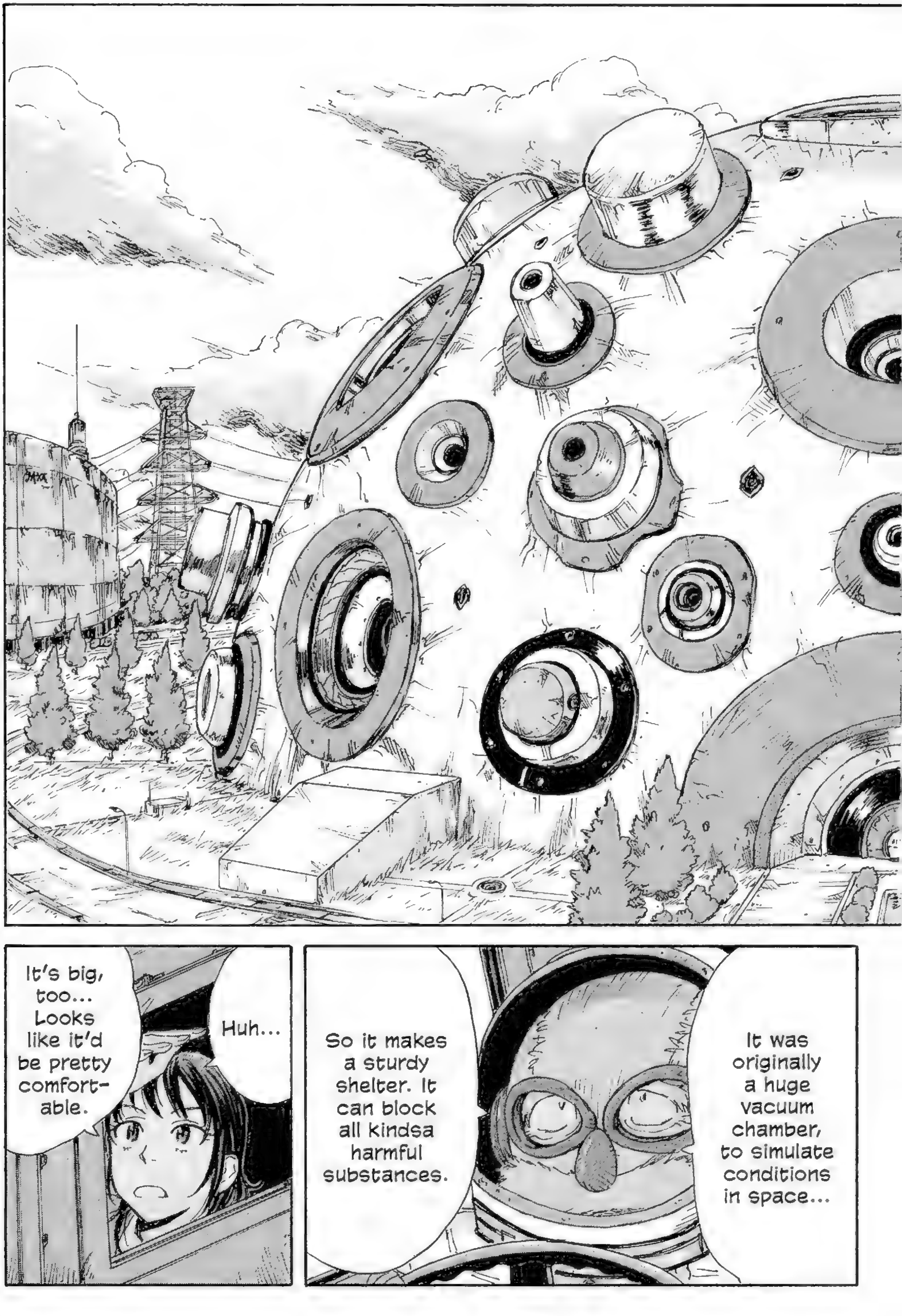
12-D
Planet...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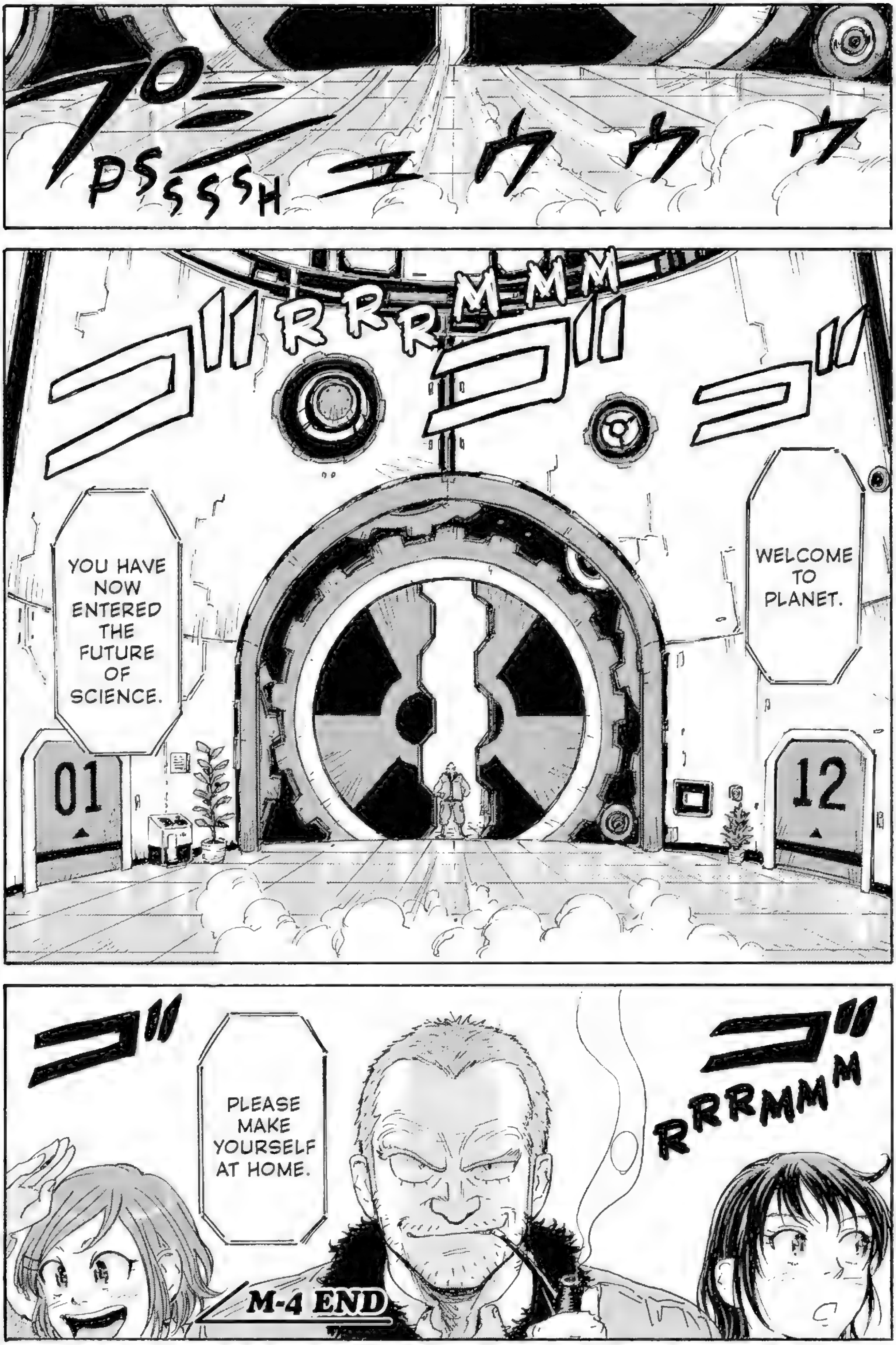
So it makes a sturdy shelter. It can block all kindsa harmful substances.
Huh...
It's big, too... Looks like it'd be pretty comfortable.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PSSSSH
ゴゴゴ
RRRMMM
WELCOME TO PLANET.
YOU HAVE NOW ENTERED THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE.
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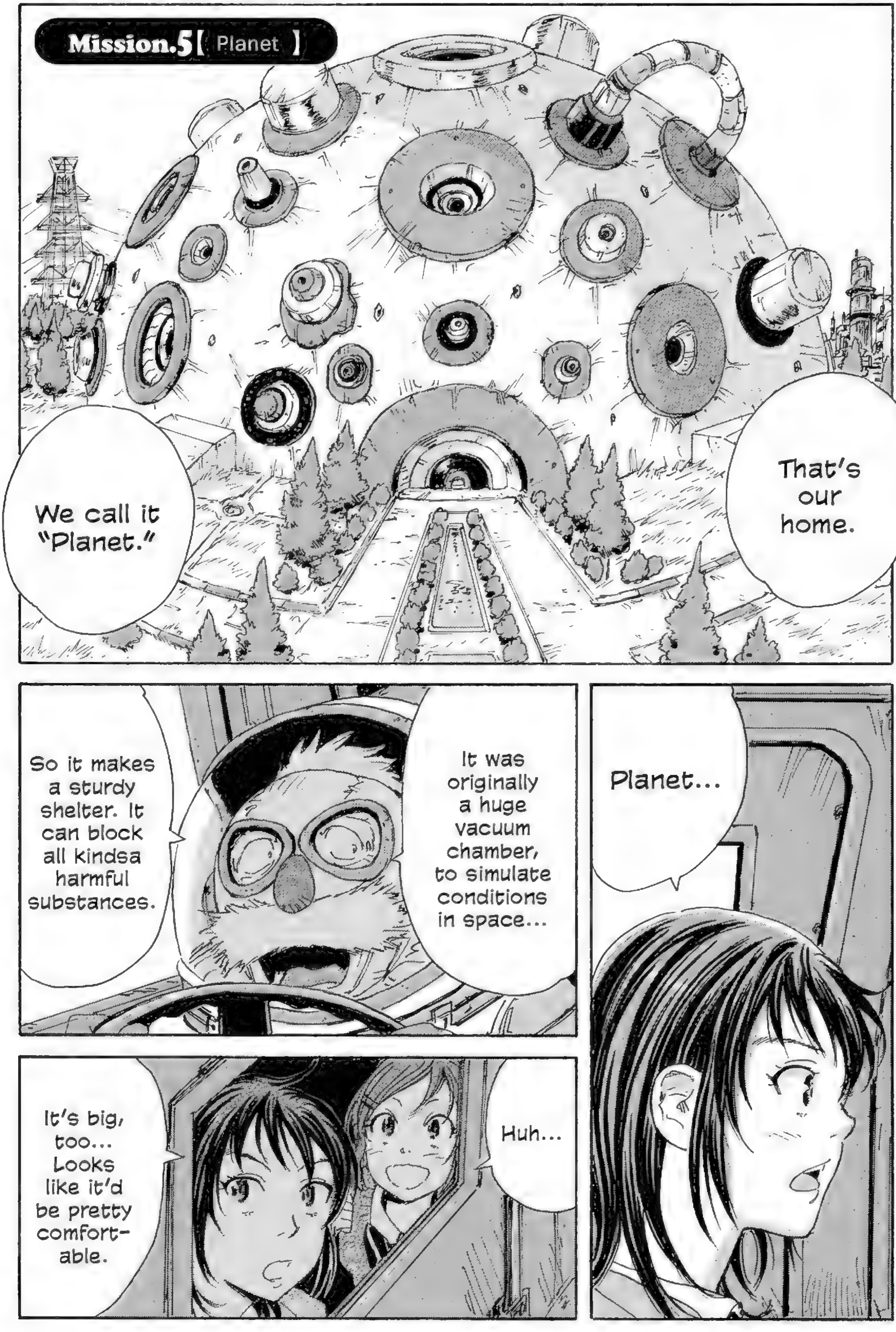
RRRMMM
PLEASE MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
M-4 END

Mission.5【 Planet 】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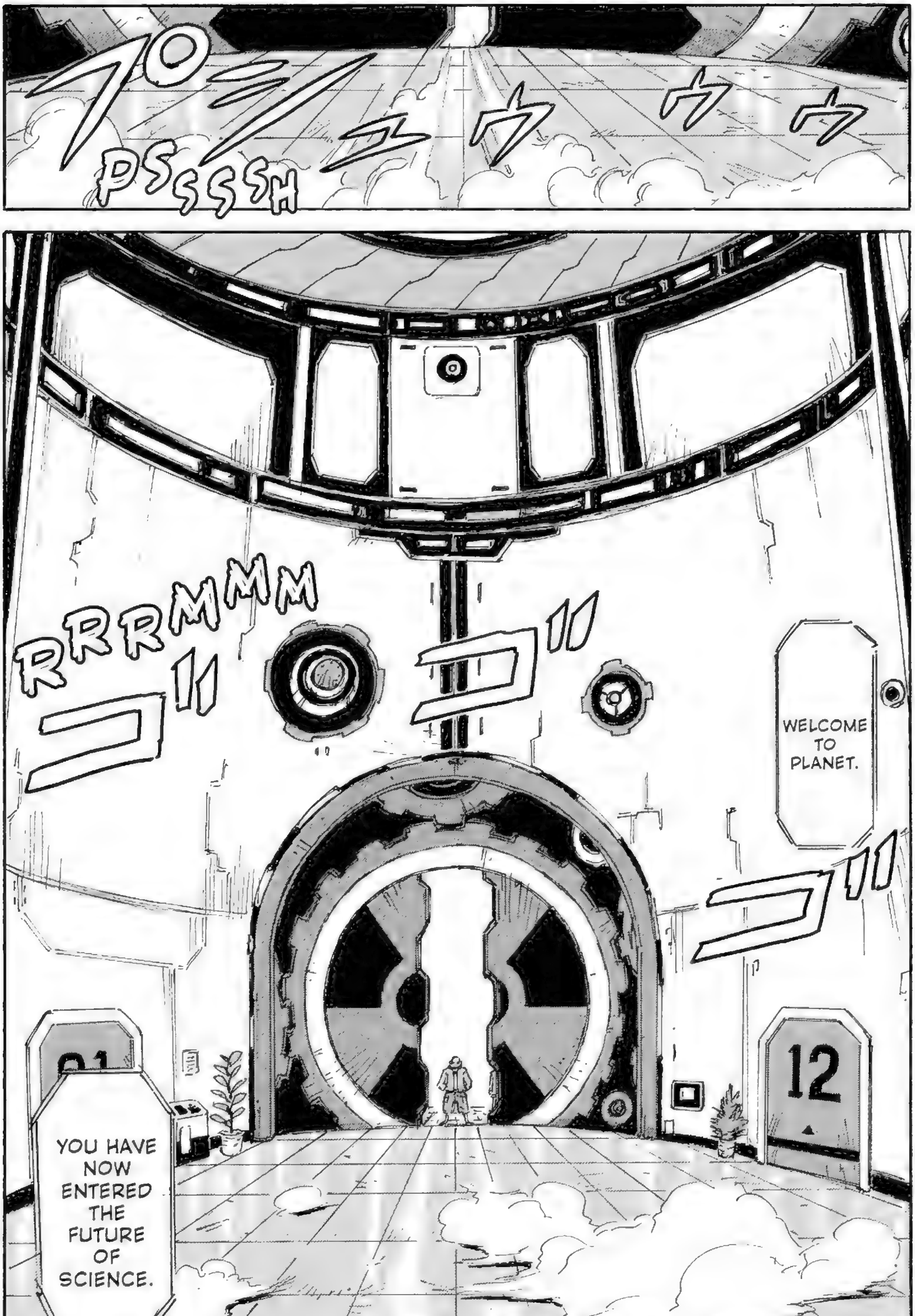
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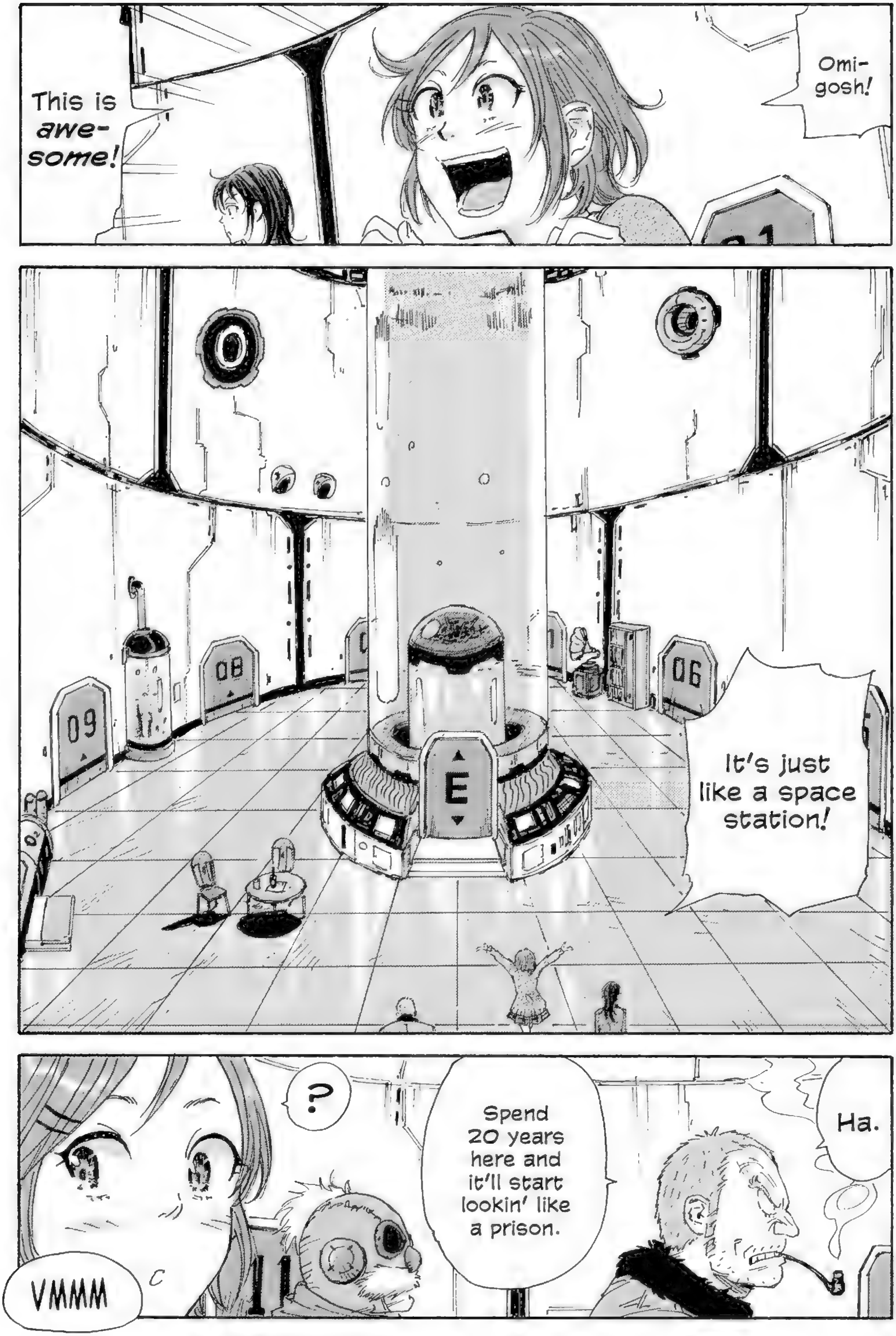
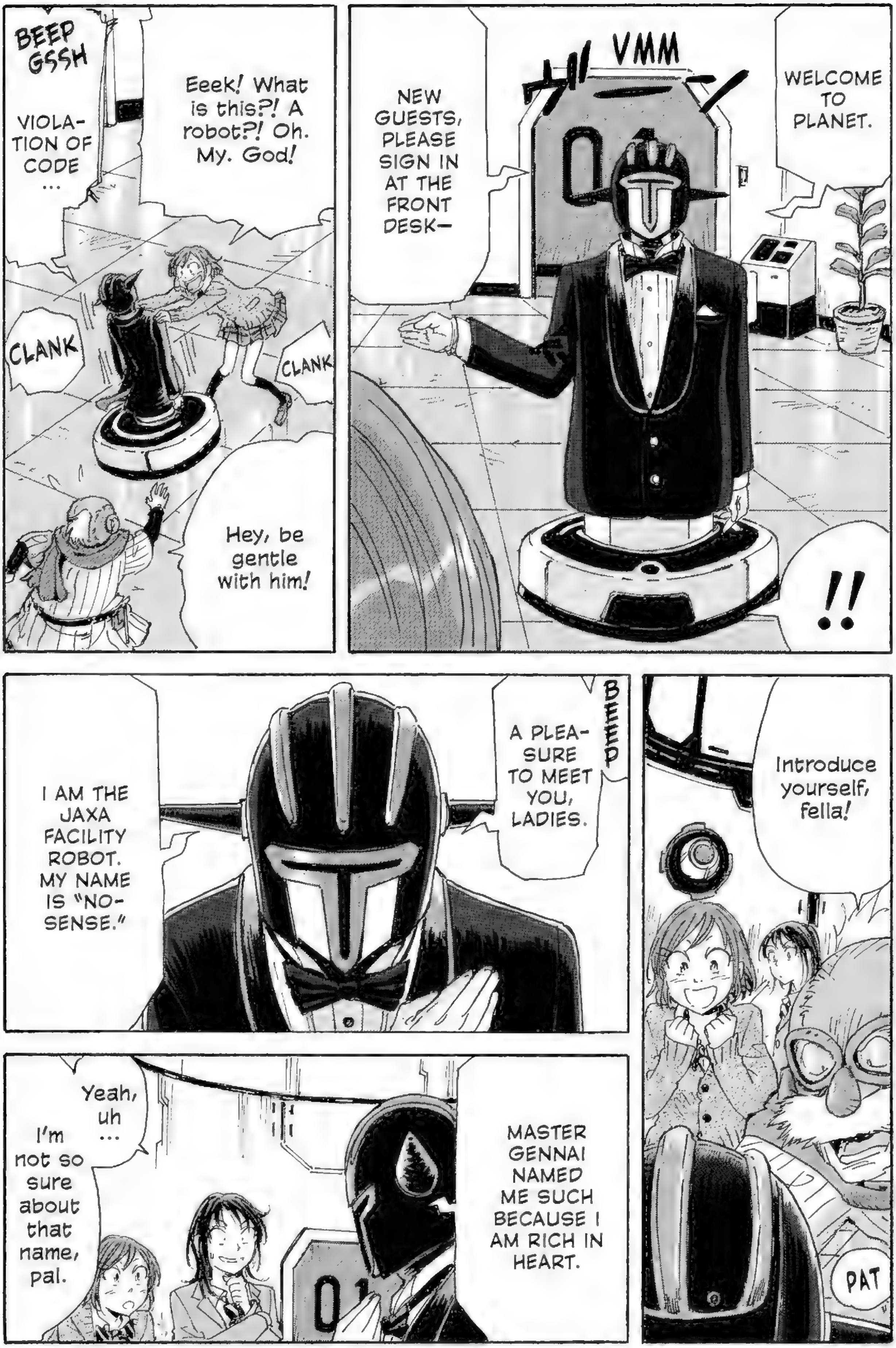
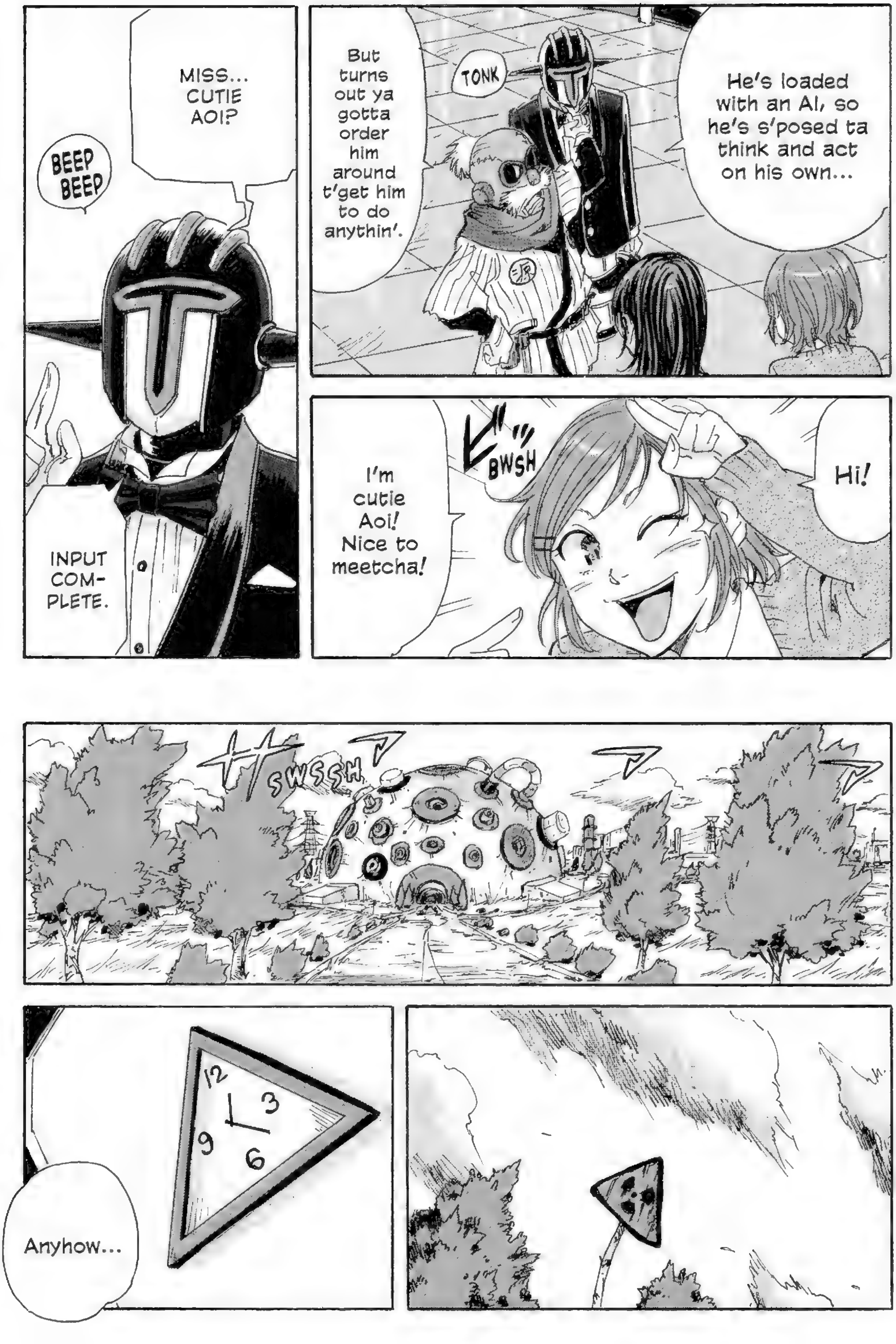
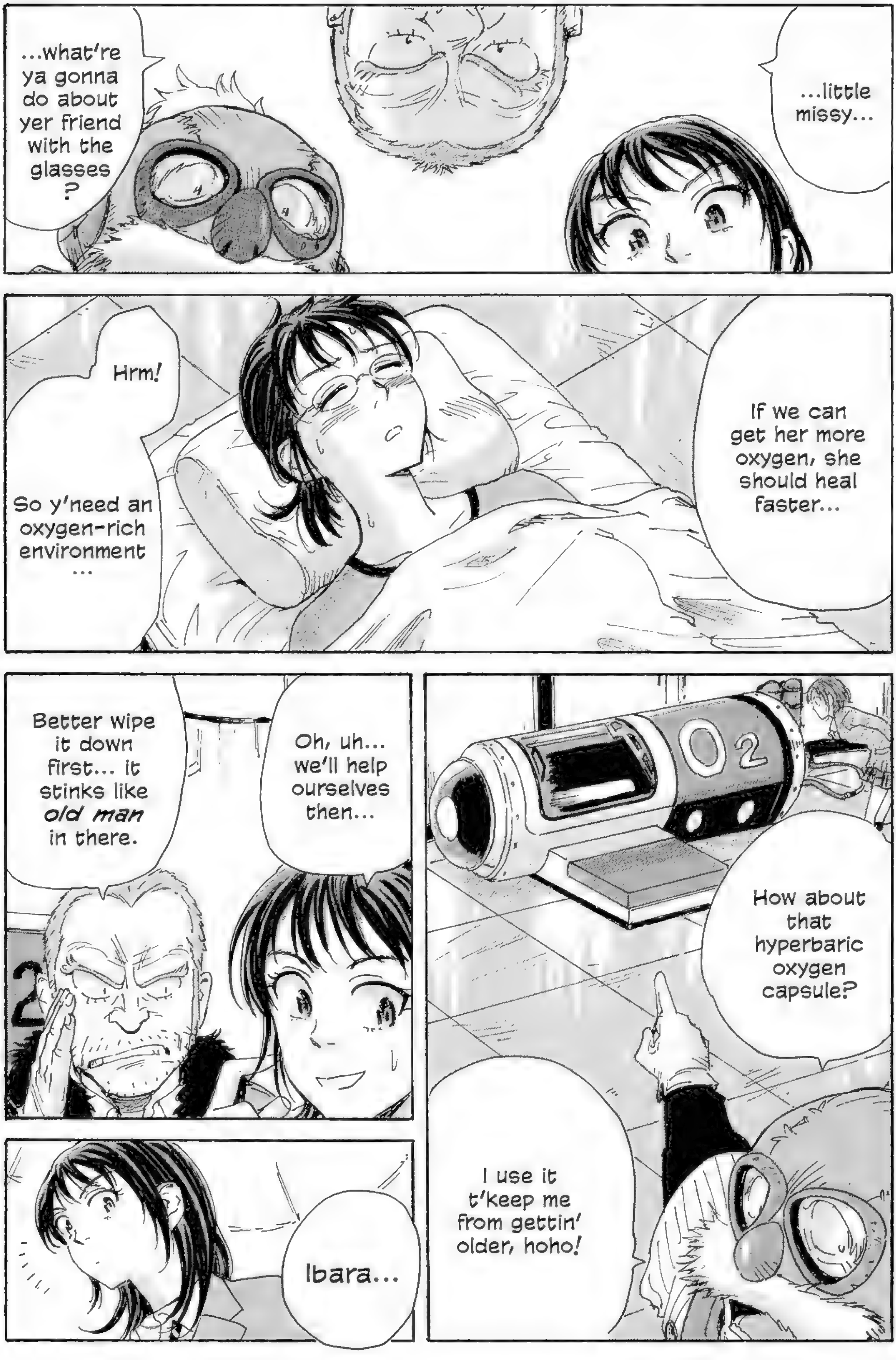
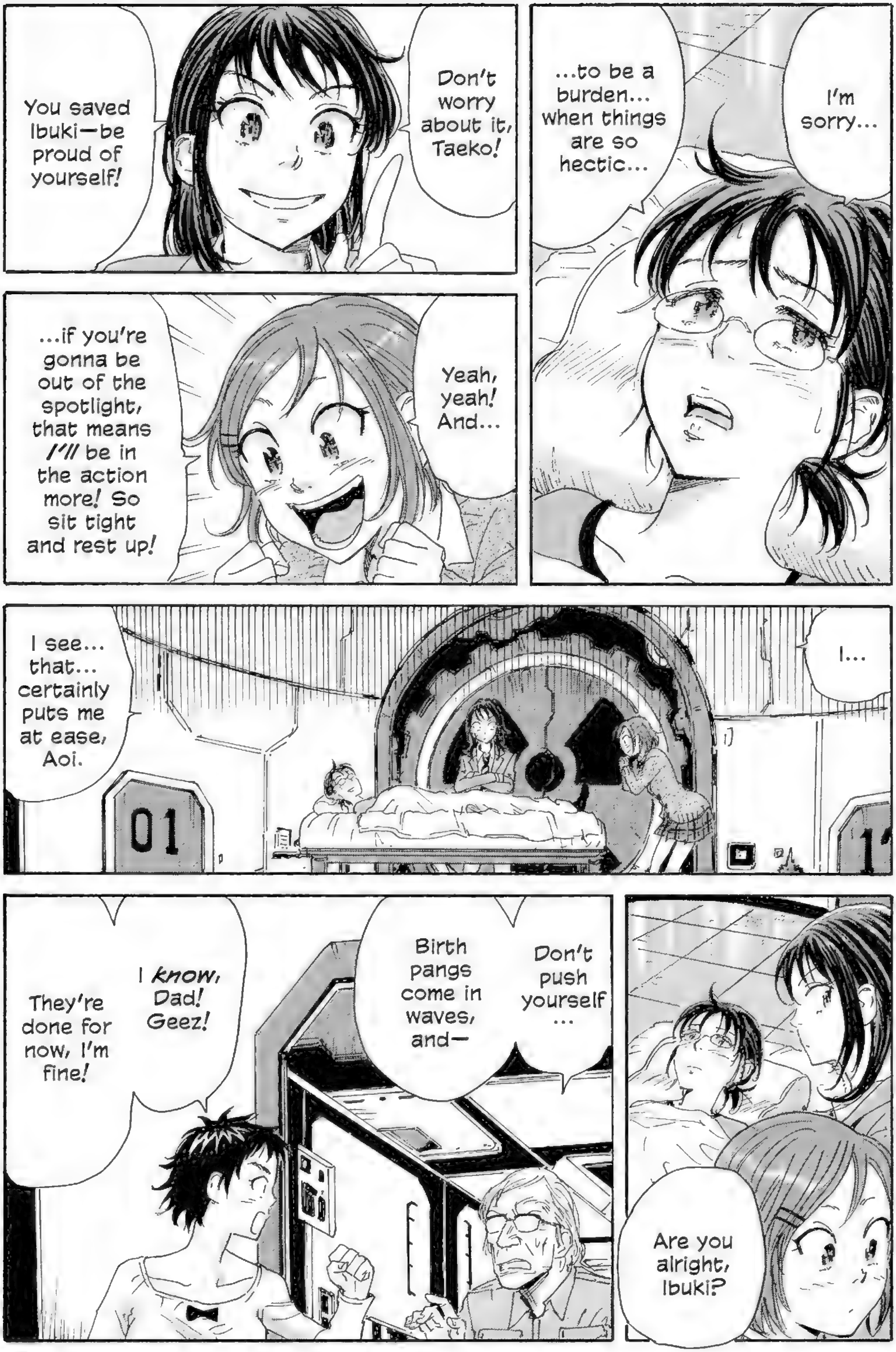
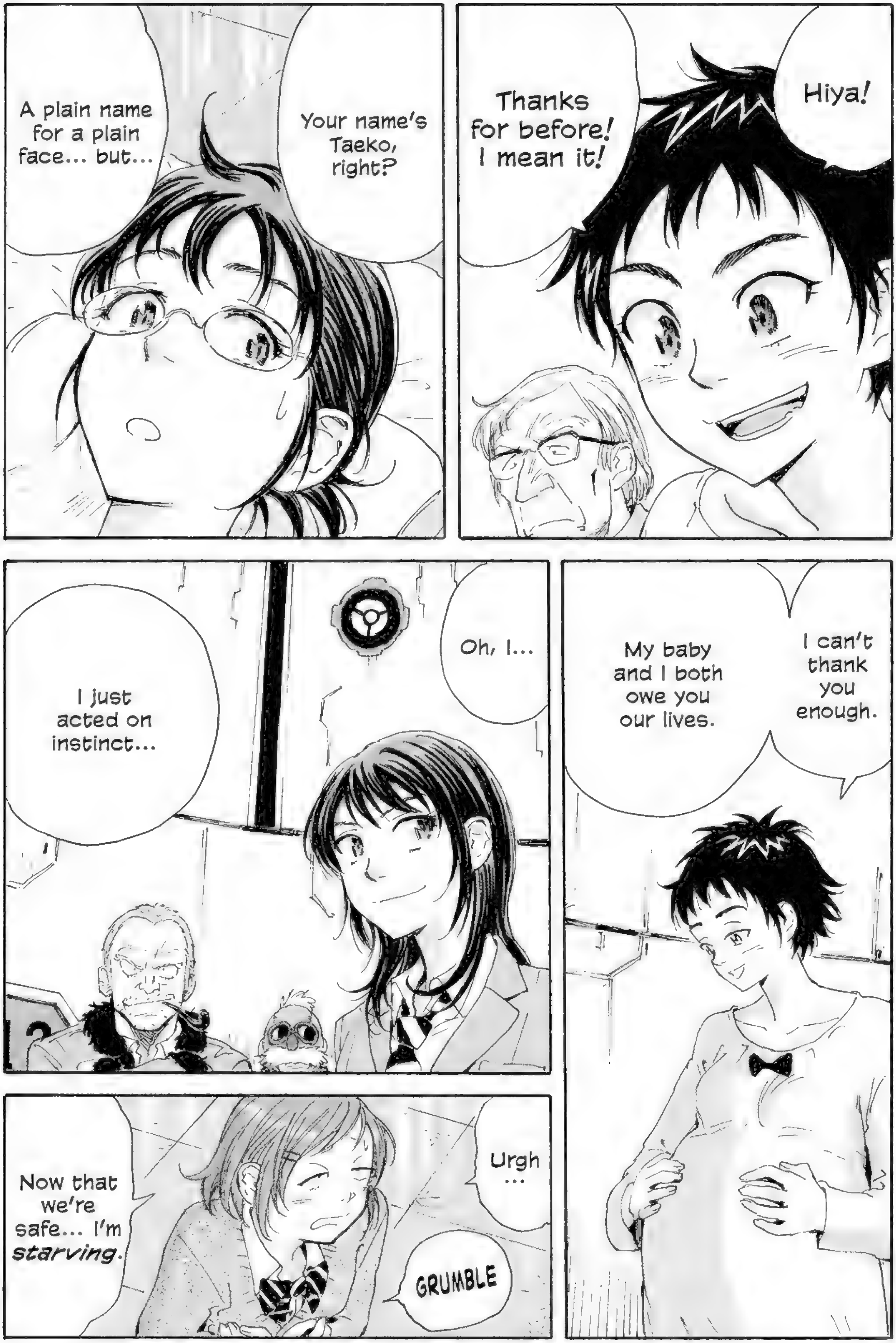

Omi-gosh!
This is awesome!
It's just like a space station!
09
08
06
E
Ha.
Spend 20 years here and it'll start lookin' like a prison.
?
VMMM

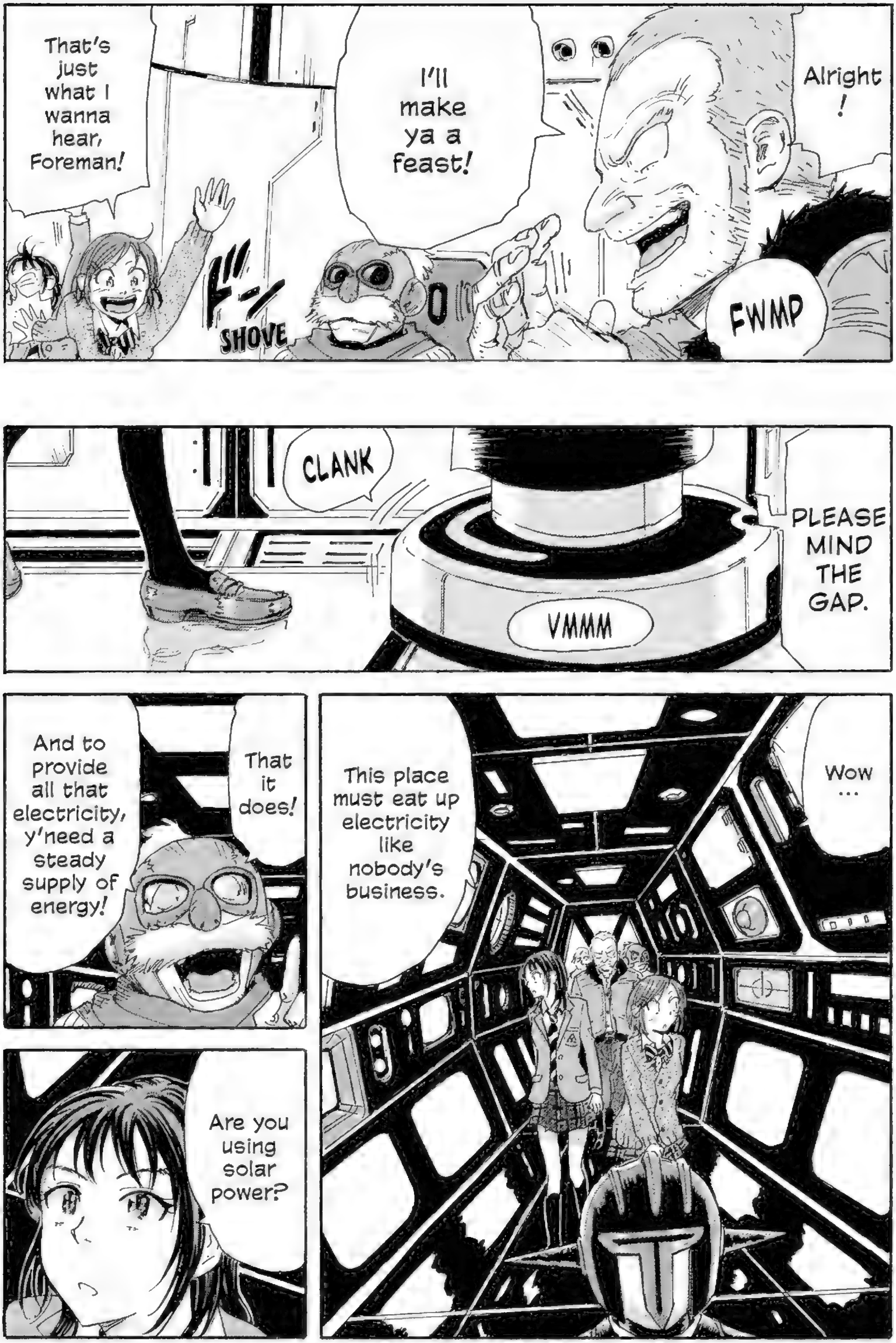

VMM
WELCOME TO PLANET.
NEW GUESTS, PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE FRONT DESK—
!!
BEEP GSSH
Eeek! What is this?! A robot?! Oh. My. God!
VIOLATION OF CODE ...
CLANK
CLANK
Hey, be gentle with him!
Introduce yourself, fella!
PAT
BEEP
A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, LADIES.
I AM THE JAXA FACILITY ROBOT. MY NAME IS "NO-SENSE."
MASTER GENNAI NAMED ME SUCH BECAUSE I AM RICH IN HEART.
Yeah, uh ...
I'm not so sure about that name, pal.

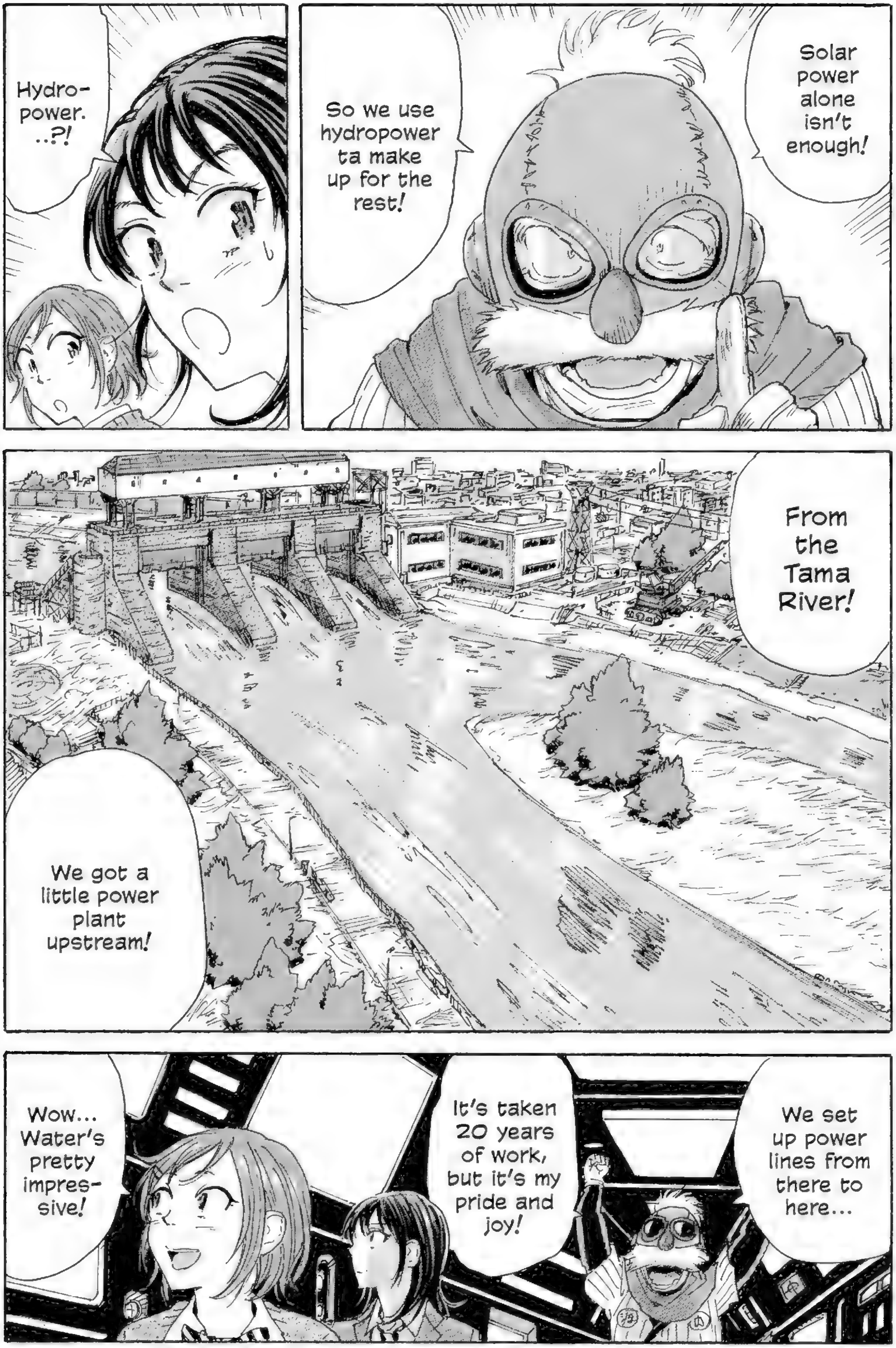

He's loaded with an AI, so he's s'posed ta think and act on his own...
TONK
But turns out ya gotta order him around t'get him to do anythin'.
Hi!
BWSH
I'm cutie Aoi! Nice to meetcha!
MISS... CUTIE AOI?
BEEP BEEP
INPUT COM-PLETE.
SWSSH
12
3
9
6
Anyhow...

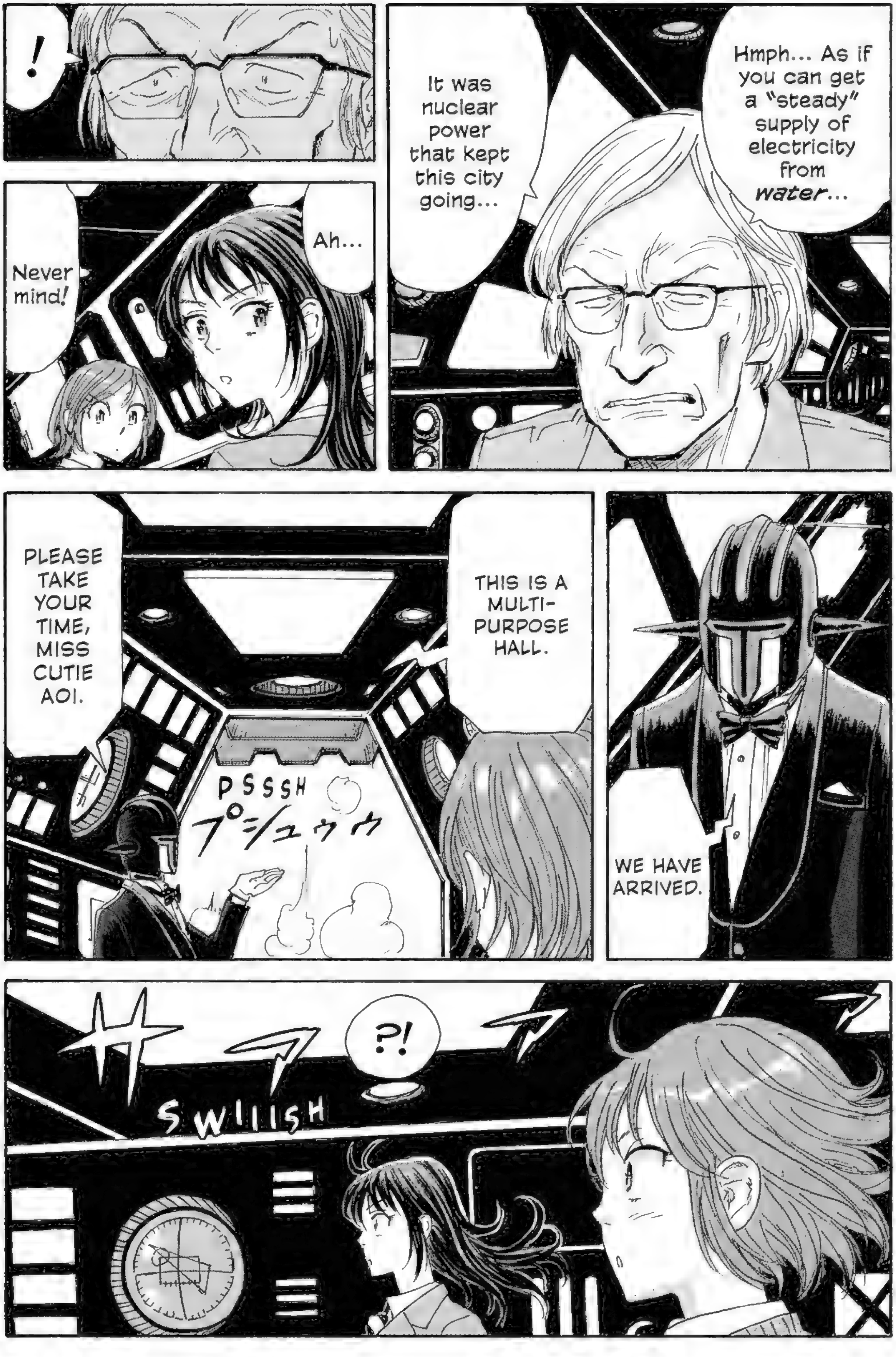

...little missy...
...what're ya gonna do about yer friend with the glasses?
If we can get her more oxygen, she should heal faster...
Hrm!
So y'need an oxygen-rich environment...
O2
How about that hyperbaric oxygen capsule?
I use it t'keep me from gettin' older, hoho!
Oh, uh... we'll help ourselves then...
Better wipe it down first... it stinks like *old man* in there.
Ibara...

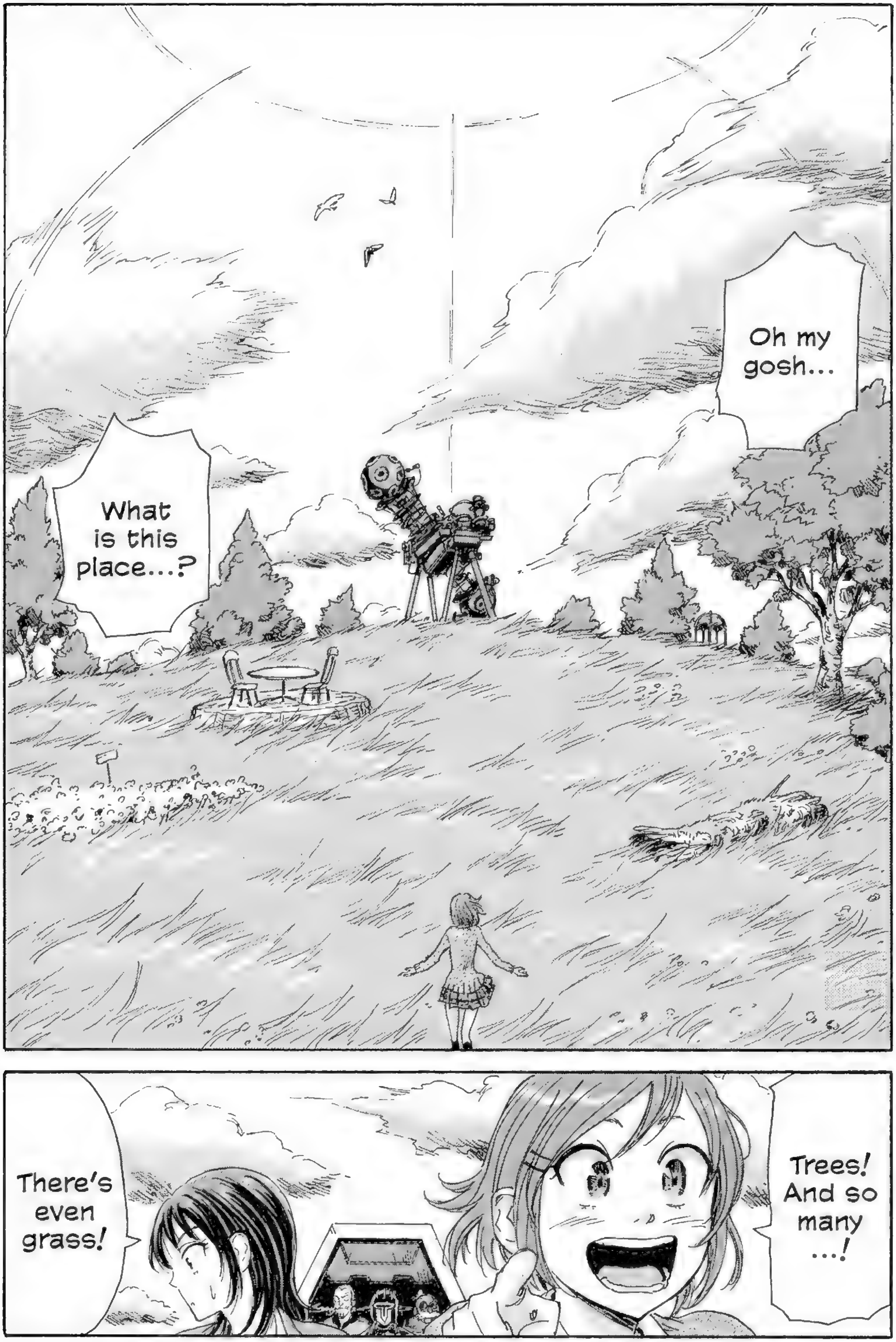

I'm sorry...
...to be a burden... when things are so hectic...
Don't worry about it, Taeko!
You saved Ibuki—be proud of yourself!
Yeah, yeah! And...
...if you're gonna be out of the spotlight, that means *I'll* be in the action more! So sit tight and rest up!
I...
I see... that... certainly puts me at ease, Aoi.
01
Are you alright, Ibuki?
Don't push yourself ...
Birth pangs come in waves, and—
I *know*, Dad! Geez!
They're done for now, I'm fine!

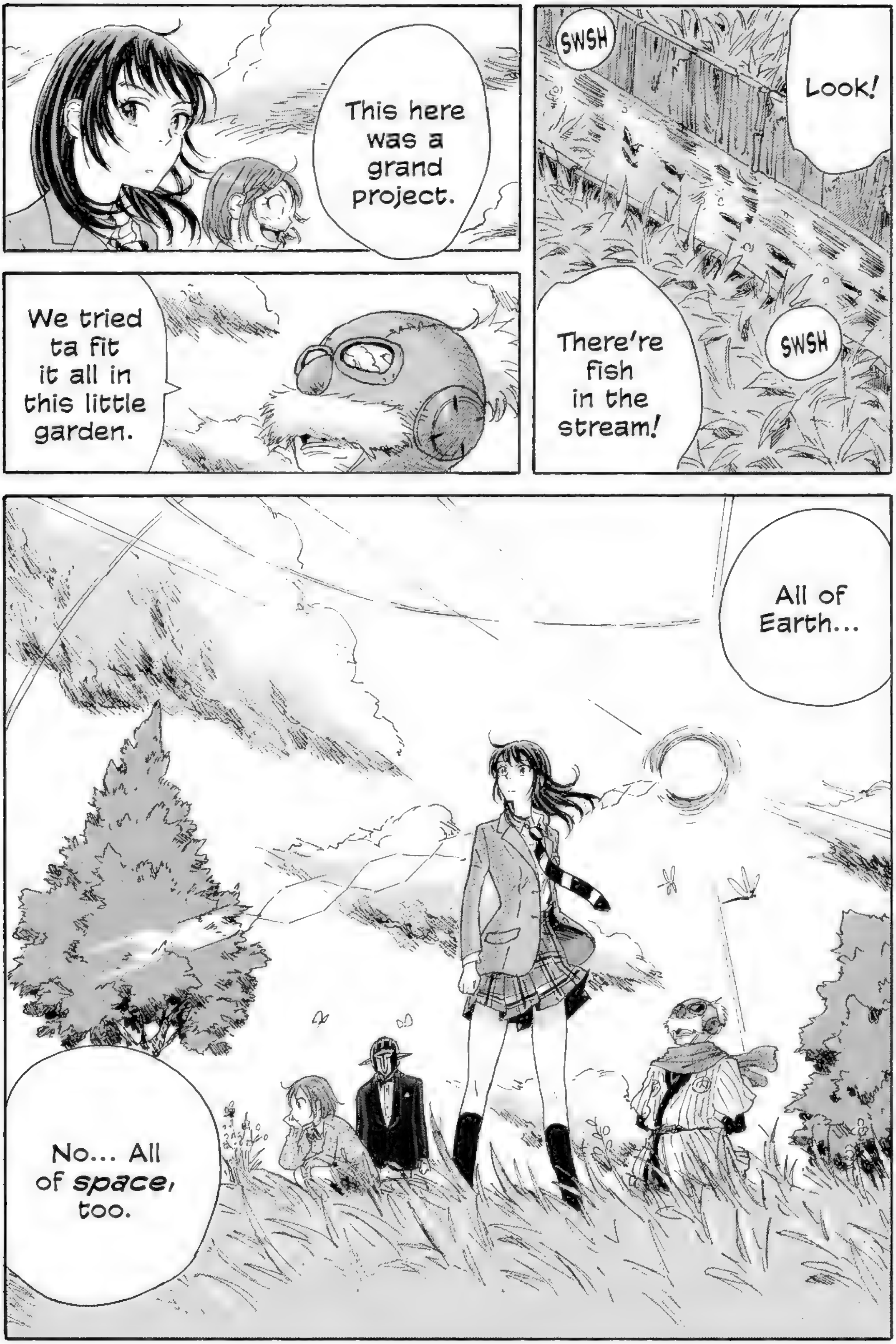

Hiya!
Thanks for before! I mean it!
Your name's Taeko, right?
A plain name for a plain face... but...
I can't thank you enough.
My baby and I both owe you our lives.
Oh, I...
I just acted on instinct...
Urgh ...
GRUMBLE
Now that we're safe... I'm *starving*.


Alright!
I'll make ya a feast!
FWMP
That's just what I wanna hear, Foreman!
SHOVE
CLANK
PLEASE MIND THE GAP.
VMMM
Wow…
This place must eat up electricity like nobody's business.
That it does!
And to provide all that electricity, y'need a steady supply of energy!
Are you using solar power?


Solar power alone isn't enough!
So we use hydropower ta make up for the rest!
Hydro-power...?!
From the Tama River!
We got a little power plant upstream!
We set up power lines from there to here...
It's taken 20 years of work, but it's my pride and joy!
Wow... Water's pretty impressive!


Hmph... As if you can get a "steady" supply of electricity from *water*...
It was nuclear power that kept this city going...
!
Ah...
Never mind!
WE HAVE ARRIVED.
THIS IS A MULTI-PURPOSE HALL.
PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME, MISS CUTIE AOI.
PSSSH
プシュウウ
?!
SWIIISH


Oh my gosh...
What is this place...?
Trees! And so many ...!
There's even grass!


SWSH
Look!
There're fish in the stream!
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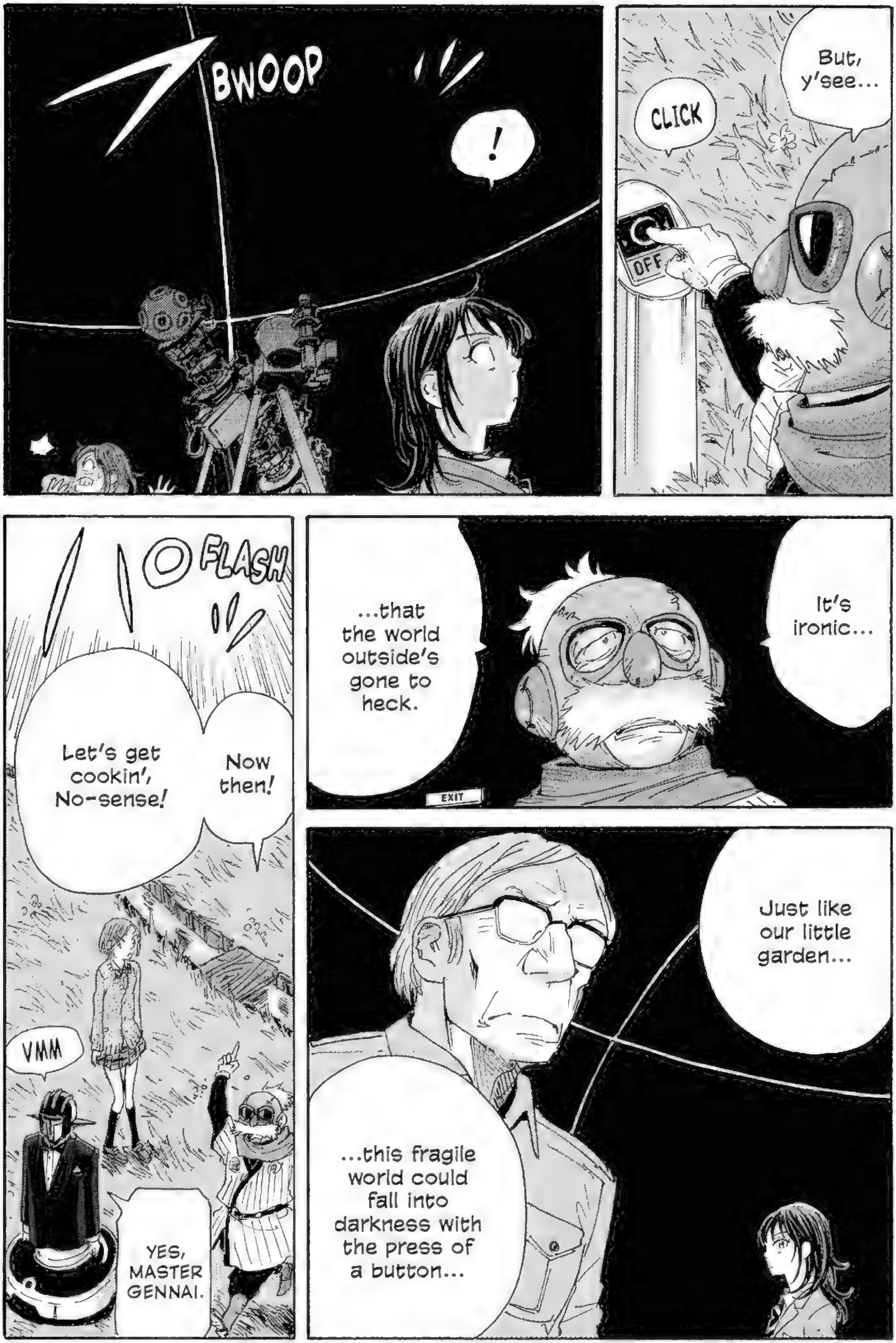
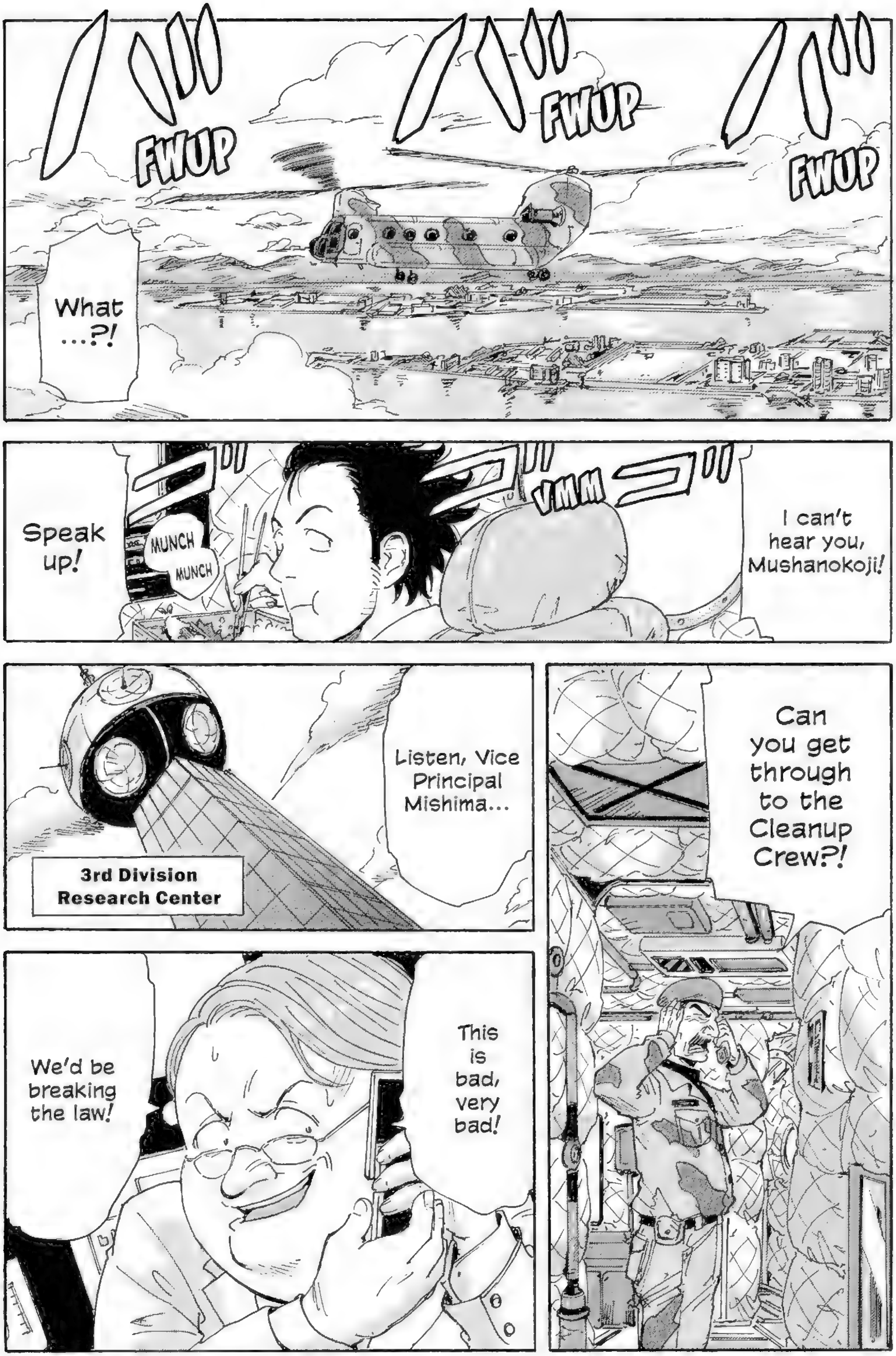
This here was a grand project.
We tried ta fit it all in this little garden.
All of Earth...
No... All of *space*, too.


CLICK
But, y'see...
BWOOP
!
It's ironic...
...that the world outside's gone to heck.
EXIT
Just like our little garden...
...this fragile world could fall into darkness with the press of a button...
FLASH
Now then!
Let's get cookin', No-sense!
VMM
YES, MASTER GENNAI.
OFF


FWUP
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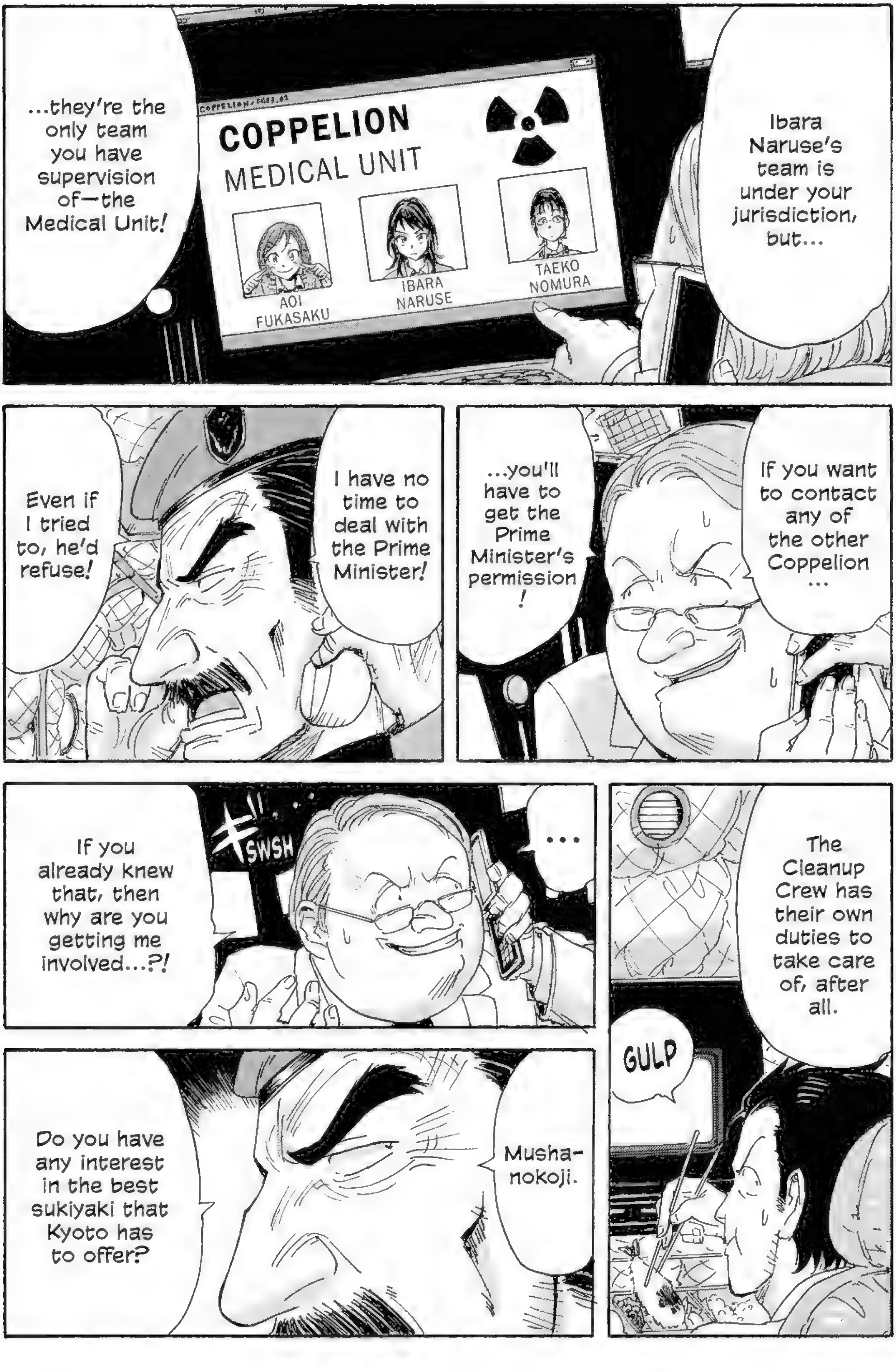
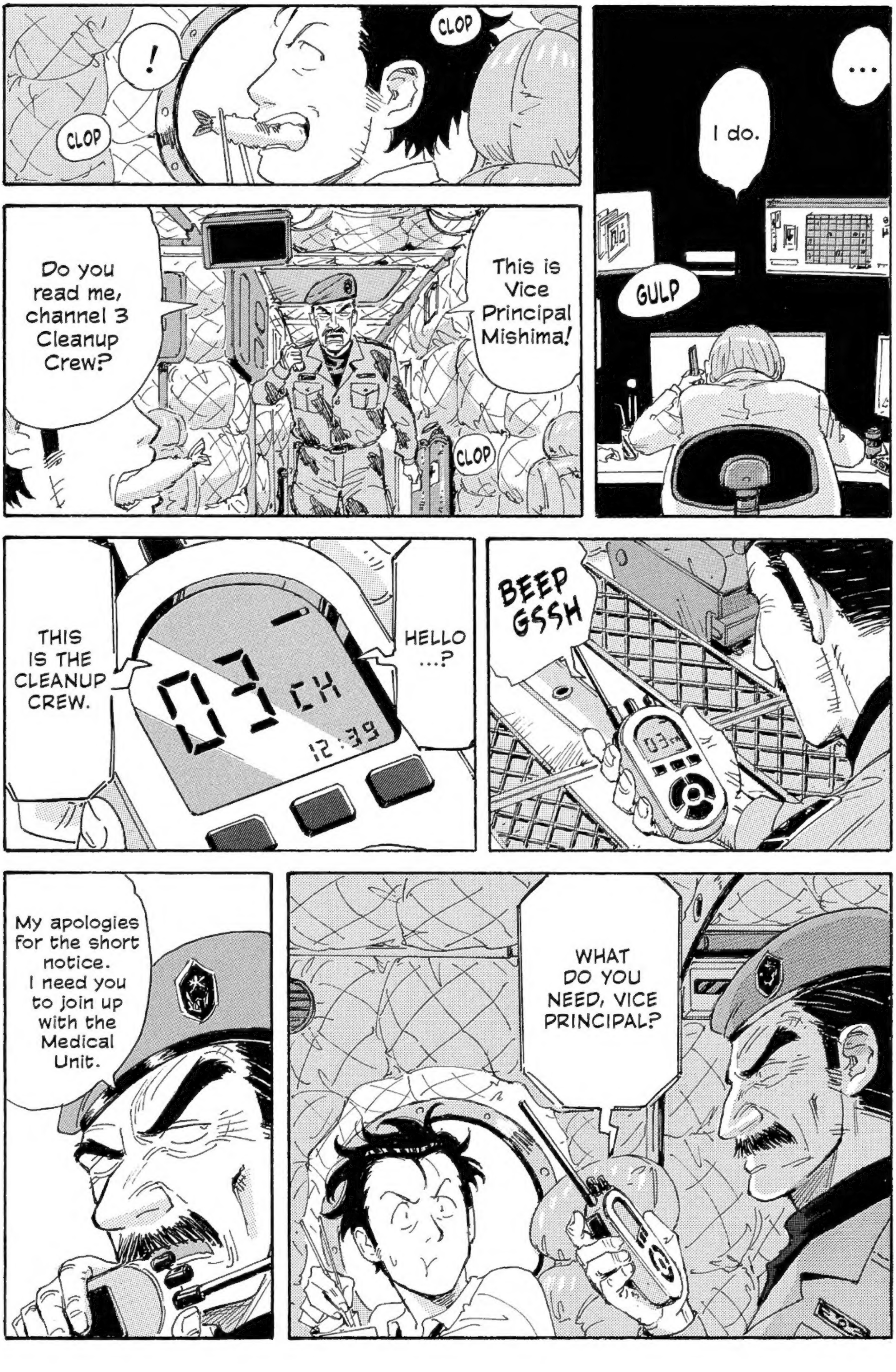
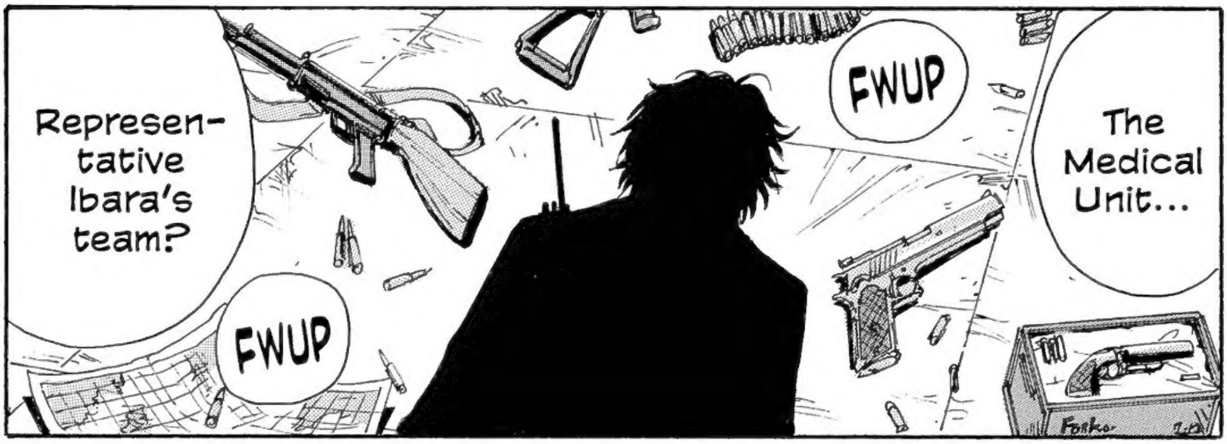
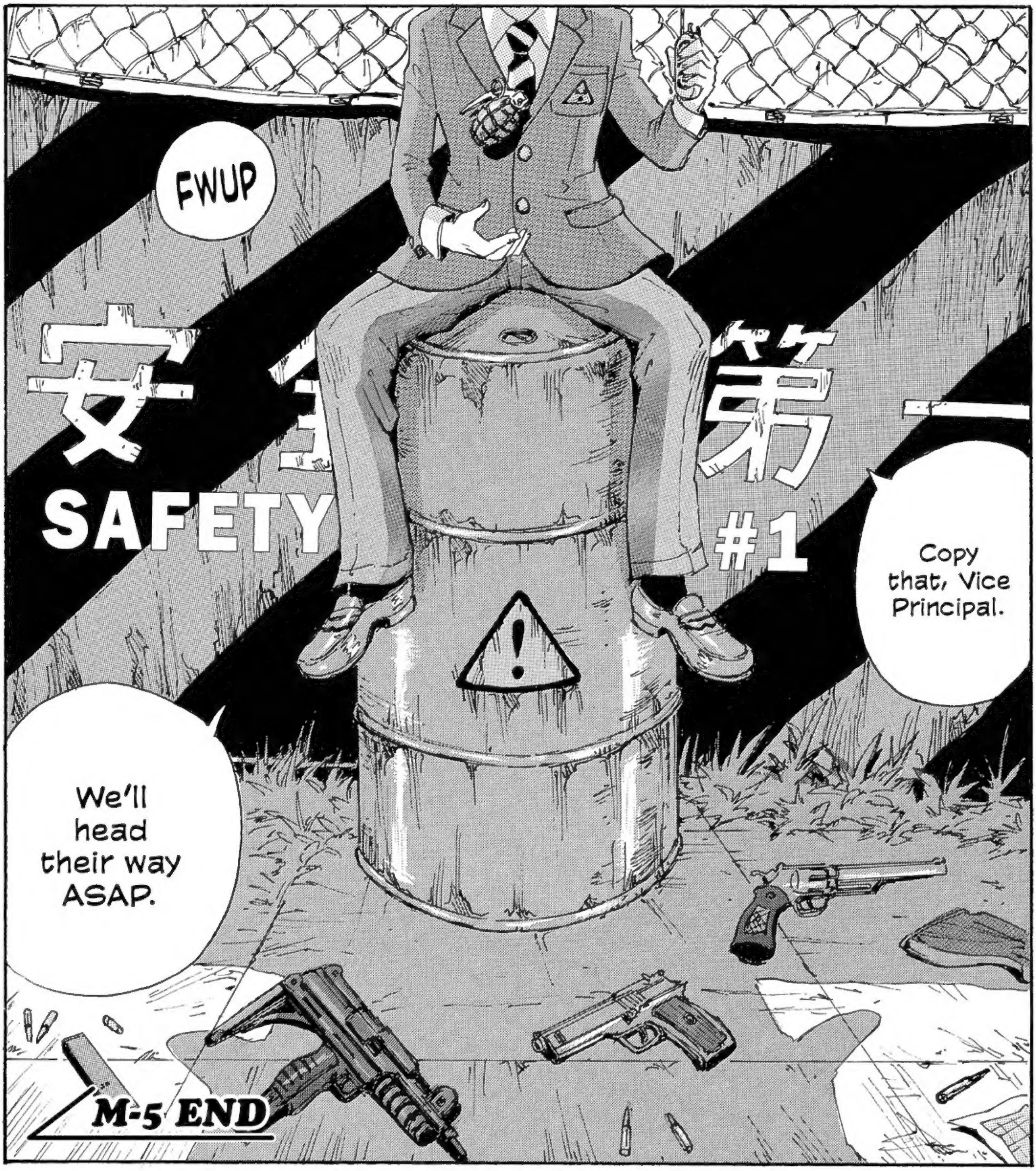
What ...?!
I can't hear you, Mushanokoji!
VMM
MUNCH
MUNCH
Speak up!
Can you get through to the Cleanup Crew?!
Listen, Vice Principal Mishima...
3rd Division Research Center
This is bad, very bad!
We'd be breaking the law!


Ibara Naruse's team is under your jurisdiction, but...
COPPELION
MEDICAL UNIT
AOI FUKASAKU
IBARA NARUSE
TAEKO NOMURA
...they're the only team you have supervision of—the Medical Unit!
If you want to contact any of the other Coppelion...
...you'll have to get the Prime Minister's permission!
I have no time to deal with the Prime Minister!
Even if I tried to, he'd refuse!
The Cleanup Crew has their own duties to take care of, after all.
GULP
...
SWSH
If you already knew that, then why are you getting me involved...?!
Musha-nokoji.
Do you have any interest in the best sukiyaki that Kyoto has to offer?


...
I do.
GULP
CLOP
!
CLOP
This is Vice Principal Mishima!
Do you read me, channel 3 Cleanup Crew?
CLOP
BEEP GSSH
03 CH
12:39
HELLO ...?
THIS IS THE CLEANUP CREW.
WHAT DO YOU NEED, VICE PRINCIPAL?
My apologies for the short notice. I need you to join up with the Medical Unit.


The Medical Unit…
FWUP
Represen-tative Ibara's team?
FWUP


Copy that, Vice Principal.
We'll head their way ASAP.
FWUP
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SAFETY #1
M-5 END

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